



## **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 flyers; support the NPNA website ([www.normalpark.org](http://www.normalpark.org)); run the annual children's Halloween parade...and more!

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## **New Summer Issue of Newsletter**

The NPNA newsletter is expanding from two issues to three issues per year! The new Summer issue will be published in June-July, in time to feature the Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendars to submit content by June 10. However, you don't have to wait until summer to find out what the NPNA has planned: the back page of this issue lists all confirmed event dates for the rest of the year!

## **Flower Lovers Wanted!**

We need a few volunteers to help tend the endcap flower beds in the medians along N. Wallace and Westmoorland. Ypsi PRIDE and NPNA generously donate the flowers – all we need from you is a little TLC. An hour or two is all it takes! Contact Jessica Faul ([jfaul@umich.edu](mailto:jfaul@umich.edu) or 734-483-4690) if you are interested in pitching in.

## **NPNA Upcoming Events**

### **Volunteer Fair**

**Sunday, April 17 from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm**

The NPNA receives a lot of questions from neighbors about local nonprofit organizations that need volunteer help. Here's your chance to meet with a bunch of them, learn about their missions, and find out what type of volunteer support they need!

Finger food and drinks will be provided by the NPNA. We'll also provide a brief update on upcoming neighborhood events; put out our usual plea for help planning new activities; AND vote in our officers (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary).

For more information, visit the NPNA Facebook page. The list of organizations will be available before the event.

## NPNA Upcoming Events (continued)

### Ypsilanti PRIDE

**Saturday, May 21 starting at 9:00 am**

Ypsilanti P.R.I.D.E. (People Restoring Image and Developing the Environment) Day is a community-wide event intended to foster community pride and encourage local business growth by creating a clean and welcoming environment. It began as a class project by the 1995 graduating class of Leadership Ypsilanti, an experiential learning program sponsored by the Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti Regional Chamber, and is now sponsored by the A2Y Chamber Foundation.

Hundreds of volunteers spend the morning picking up litter, painting, planting flowers and otherwise beautifying the Ypsilanti community. After the clean-up, volunteers are treated to lunch and entertainment at the Post-Event Celebration.

There are sites all over town including several within walking distance (Recreation Park, Edith Hefley Park, N. Wallace and Westmoorland medians, and Rutherford Pool). Information and registration on the Ann Arbor/Ypsi Chamber of Commerce webpage: <http://www.a2ychamber.org/foundation/ypsilanti-p-r-i-d-e-day/>

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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 7 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.

## Detroit Tigers Neighborhood Trip

The NPNA group trip to see the Detroit Tigers is on hiatus for 2016. Neighbors interested in organizing this event for 2017 should contact the NPNA board on [president@normalpark.org](mailto:president@normalpark.org).

## 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](mailto:president@normalpark.org) and let us know that you're interested in learning more!



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All proceeds & tips go to Food Gatherers, Growing Hope & Ypsi Meals on Wheels to **end hunger**

**Weekly event nights:** Board games, knitting, live jazz, tutoring and more

NP neighbors Ryan & Bekah Wallace (Grant Street) welcome you!

## News from your Neighbor

Do you have information to share about a public event, group, or activity for the residents of Normal Park? Submit it for inclusion in the next newsletter. All information is welcome; however, political statements/solicitations are not published.

### Ypsilanti Community Schools YCS Yes!

*Shared by neighbor Kimberly Grover*

Starting in Fall 2015, Ypsilanti Community Schools (YCS) formed YCS Yes!, a committee to share information about initiatives and programs and to grow and retain enrollment. Co-chairs of YCS Yes!, Dr. Connie Thompson, principal of Perry Early Learning Center and Yen Azzaro, Communications for YCS, sought to find a new, but meaningful way to change the tide. "We as a district have a lot of questions about how people perceive the school system and we wanted to hear real feedback," says Azzaro.

The success of the Ypsilanti Community Schools depends, in part, on support from the local community. That support can take many forms. Probably the simplest way to help is to be aware, to cultivate a basic awareness of the programs being offered, the issues the district faces, and the solutions countering those issues. Over the last five months, YCS Yes! has held meetings in homes, churches and community centers. Community members of all ages, regardless of whether they have school-aged children or not, have been attending the gatherings to learn and share their stories about the public school system. Conversations surrounding performance, safety and expectations have been authentic and candid, allowing for exploration of what the community is seeking of the fairly new school district.

We recently held a meet and greet in our home. We hoped it would connect people to each other, connect the school staff and administrators to the community, generate ideas for making changes, and generally inspire us all. We think it did all of those things.

Everyone is invited to host and attend YCS Yes! gatherings. For more information on upcoming events, please contact Yen Azzaro at [yazzaro4@yocschools.us](mailto:yazzaro4@yocschools.us) or (734) 221-1212 or follow YCS Yes! on Facebook!



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### If you are not getting the earnings you expect from your garage sale...

**it's probably a bad sign.**

*Shared by neighbor Shelley on Sheridan*

Summer is coming, so here are some tips for making your yard sale a success!

Do not use a paper sign! Use only corrugated or the thinner box board or plastic sign. Always attach it to two posts, one on each side so the wind doesn't bend it. For a post, attach a cooking fork or pick up one of an expired "Vote for me" sign, attaching on three sides.

After you put up your sign, drive by it at the posted speed limit but only give it a quick glance. Were you able to read all the info you needed to find your house? If not, put less information on your sign and make the letters bigger, blacker and wider. Remove your house number. (Don't worry, once they have the street, they'll find you!) Remove the street name if you are going to use big black arrows.

Some people end up inviting their neighbors only because no one else knows where the street is. Use arrows if your shoppers have to turn or if you are a long way down the road. Put a second sign that only says "Garage Sale" about 30 feet in front of the one at your street. If you have a category of items that will bring in a lot of cash, or one that has lots of items, mention it on your sign followed by the words: and more!

Sunday-Wednesday sale: Make sure your sign says Sunday etc. "Tomorrow" won't work. Neither will the date. Fresh balloons help because shoppers aren't expecting to see a sale on those days. Try to have your sale on the weekend most people get paid. Stay open until 7 on Thursday and Friday to catch the rush hour shoppers, and say you are open then on your sign.

Be friendly! Say hello to everyone. Smile. If people like you, they're more likely to approach you with questions which could lead to a sale. Do what you can to make the area colorful so it looks like a fun time. On occasion, walk through your sale and make sure everything is visible. Post prices as much as you can. Shoppers won't always ask for the price on an item, they just won't buy it. We do the same when we're out shopping.

Last, and so important: Please, please, please, be courteous to your neighbors and garage sale lovers. Take down those signs AS SOON AS your sale is over. Good luck this garage sale season!

## News from your Neighbor (continued)

### What's Happening at the former "Little Red Store" — Introducing the Little Bird Café!

Shared by neighbor Beth Kwiatkowski

Hello Neighbors! My name is Beth Kwiatkowski and I am the owner of the building previously known as "The Little Red Store" located at Summit and Congress streets. It will soon be known as "The Little Bird Café." I bought the building in the 2014 Washtenaw County tax foreclosure auction and set out to achieve a dream. The past year and a half has been an uphill battle! In August 2015 after a year of planning and review, measuring, cleaning, LEARNING, and filling out many applications, the city rezoned the building allowing for a café to be created. Built in 1936, the building has its charm. Abandoned for the last nearly 6 years, the building has its challenges. Today the building is gutted. There are no longer holes in the roof, raccoons making nests in the closets or fuzzy spiders making their homes in the basement. We are on our way to making this dream come true and restoring this charming building to its once golden time. Soon the building will be filled with chatter, the hiss of a steam wand and the most gracious camaraderie. There is not a concrete opening date at this time for The Little Bird Café, but you can look forward to delicious coffee, tea, soups, sandwiches, pastries, ice cream, community supported agriculture (CSA) drops, a place to relax, art, music, classes and so much more! We are looking for an architect, certified electrician and plumber for a fair price that would like to help and be involved. For construction updates, calls for help and general info, follow along on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/littlebirdypsi](http://www.facebook.com/littlebirdypsi). We are more than excited to be a part of your neighborhood!

## Our Neighborhood's Little Free Libraries

While taking a stroll through our lovely neighborhood, one may notice interesting little boxes outside of three homes. These boxes are different than your everyday letter boxes. They contain books ranging in genres and subjects. Fiction and nonfiction, for children and for adults. These little lightposts of the neighborhood are Little Free Libraries that have been popping up all across the world since the first one appeared in Hudson, Wisconsin in 2009. Tod Bol created the first library in memory of his mother, a school teacher and lover of reading. As of January 2016, there are 36,000 registered little libraries in all 50 states and in 70 countries across the world.

The goal of the Little Free Library Movement is "to promote literacy and the love of reading by building free book exchanges worldwide and to build a sense of community as we share skills, creativity and wisdom across generations. There are over 36,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world, bringing curbside literacy home and sharing millions of books annually." (<http://littlefreelibrary.org/>)

Our neighborhood has two LFL's that are on the registry. One at 108 Oakwood Street and one at 101 North Wallace. There is a third library at 210 Oakwood Street.

In the spring, the Little Free Library at 108 Oakwood Street will be having events every 1st and 3rd Saturday. The steward of the 108 Oakwood Street, Catie Bilz, and her therapy dog, Jack, will be providing a "Tail Waggin' Tutors" program where Jack will listen to little readers who would like to work on their reading skills. Bring a blanket and sit in our front yard (or on our front porch if it's a rainy day) and read Jack your favorite book, or pick out one from our little free library!

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



## 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. 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!)

### The Little Bird Café

908 North Congress Street

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(Owner is Beth Kwiatkowski)

Hello friends and neighbors! I'll tell you a little about myself—I've worked at Whole Foods Market in the Specialty department for over 12 years. 6 of those years I was the Coffee Specialist there and learned oh so many things about specialty coffee, foods and food culture. I've had my eye on "The Little Red Store" for quite some time and now that it's finally mine, I want to rehab it and make it the best neighborhood coffee house that it can be! The Little Bird Café is going to be an amazing neighborhood café. It will have a small town feel with a modern twist. First, I need YOUR help. I have a steep goal of \$50,000 to raise through crowdfunding. With luck and with those funds, I would love to open in Summer 2016. I've purchased the building myself, I am also contributing more than \$10,000 of my own money into the build and will seek a business loan to finish the job. Would you help me to bring this project to life sooner rather than later? Contact me about how you can help. Know an amazing licensed plumber, architect, or electrician? Email me and share their information! Thinking that you too could contribute a building or other skill? Email please! Thank you all for welcoming me into the Neighborhood. It is going to be a long and beautiful friendship.

**Fineberg Art Studio** - Handmade Journals/Guestbooks  
(Owner is Emily Fineberg, Sheridan St. )

[finebergartstudio.com](http://finebergartstudio.com)

Emily of Fineberg Art Studio specializes in handmade books using an exposed coptic stitch technique. Her notebooks are currently for sale through her website and they can also be found locally at The Eyrie. Send her a message if you have a special idea in mind. She loves to create custom books!

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I'm your neighborhood realtor on Wallace Blvd. If you're thinking about selling or buying a home and have questions - big or small - please contact me. I'm happy to help!

### Ypsi Food Co-op (YFC)

Shared by neighbor Lisa Bashert

The Ypsi Food Co-op (YFC) is a small cooperatively-owned grocery store in Depot Town, across River Street from the Sidetrack. The YFC grocery store is open to the general public, and membership is optional, but members save by earning discounts! YFC is open daily 9 to 9, easily walkable & bikeable from our neighborhood. There's a sizeable Bulk Department with everything from granola to flour, nuts, snacks, pasta, beans, salt, baking powder, herbs, tea, and even things you might not expect like shampoo, dish soap, molasses, honey, and eggs, all available in bulk for greater savings. The YFC grocery store also sells frozen food (including grassfed meat & ice cream), dairy, beer & wine, fresh produce, and packaged foods—like a tiny little full-service grocery right in the city. Plus, the on-site Deli/Bakery makes ready-to-eat sandwiches, sides, salads, appetizers, hot soups and chili fresh daily with organic ingredients.

Becoming a member earns you a register discount and the option to Special Order: anything YFC has a supplier for can be ordered in case amounts for greater savings. Stop by and ask for me, your neighbor, Lisa Bashert. I'll be happy to give you a short tour anytime and tell you more about the principles that govern the cooperatively-owned business!

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## Know Your Neighbors

*Editor's Note: This is an occasional piece to tell the stories of Normal Park residents: how we got here, what we love, why we stay here. Join us and tell your story by emailing [newsletter@normalpark.org](mailto:newsletter@normalpark.org).*

### Rachele Stucker

My name is Rachele, and I live with my son Adrien and my nephew Vashon, who moved here from St. Louis a couple of years ago, because he got a scholarship to go to Eastern. Vashon is majoring in Spanish. We live on West Cross, next to the church, where we can watch people blatantly ignoring the stop signs at the 3-way stop from the living room window! It's not good for my blood pressure, but otherwise, I really like where we live.



We're a pretty international lot! I spent 9 years living in Japan, a couple of years in Korea, and a year in France. For 6 years I had a job where I barely had to work, so I spent most of that time traveling the world, with long stays in India, Morocco, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Greece. Vashon is also an avid traveler and is currently studying in Mexico. Adrien is obsessed with all things Japanese, including trains. He circumnavigated the globe before his first birthday, making a 2-month trip of Michigan-Canada-Japan-Finland-Austria-France-Switzerland-USA! Unfortunately he doesn't remember it and is constantly insisting that we go back to Japan, so he can ride the trains. He's also keen on going to India--he's been in daycare at an Indian family's home since he was 3 months old, and they're like grandparents to him, so he's expecting to join them on one of their trips home someday! I don't get to travel as much as I used to, but I work for an English-language assessment organization based at the UofM, so I do get to work with clients from around the world.

I bought my house early in 2012, which was still a very good time to buy. I only looked at 5 houses--3 in NP, one in CH, and one in AA. Being very new to SE Michigan at the time, I didn't really know anything about Ypsilanti at all; there were just some houses on the market here that looked promising. Once I drove through NP and CH, I realized how nice it is over here. Honestly Ypsilanti has a lot in common with my favorite American city (Pittsburgh), which makes me like it even more. It even has a great Steeler bar (Sticks in Depot Town)!

I love the sense of community in Normal Park. People are so helpful. I also like being able to walk downtown and to multiple parks, and Vashon appreciates being able to walk to campus. And the bookmobile stops right down the street! We hope to meet even more of you in the future!

### Catie Bilz

Hi! I'm Catie Bilz, and my husband and I moved to 108 Oakwood Street in May of last year. My husband Andreas is in purchasing at Toyota in Saline, and I am an Infant Mental Health Therapist with Starfish Family Services out of Detroit. We live on Oakwood.



Andreas and I are passionate about travel, and I absolutely love decorating and finding special pieces that have been repurposed or have a history. I am into decorating and my husband loves woodworking.

Andreas and I met when he was an exchange student at my high school. We fell in love and have been together almost 12 years. He proposed to me on a gondola in Venice, we were married in his village in Germany, and we spent our honeymoon in Rome. I feel like our life has been a bit of a fairytale.

Andreas and I were told that we would be relocating from Kentucky to Michigan in 2014. We spent a great deal of time trying to figure out where we would fit in best. We wanted to find a home with a story, and a neighborhood that was full of life and wonderful people. We looked all over the place including Saline, Ann Arbor, even Milan. Finally, the planets aligned and we found our home on Oakwood. We didn't really know much about the neighborhood prior to seeing the house, but we were told that it was a great area. We purchased the home hoping that was the case. We closed on our home of May 15th of last year, and I don't think we'll ever live anywhere else.

Normal Park has this incredible sense of community. I feel like people have been so friendly and, being from the South, I had a hard time believing that anyone north of the Mason Dixon had any manners. (Wink!) I found the Facebook page before we had even moved and I felt at home already. I think it speaks volumes that I was looking for some help from the neighborhood in providing gifts to my clients for Christmas and I was able to have every family on my caseload adopted. The outpouring of support has been astounding. Anytime that I am looking for help obtaining something for my clients, I know that I can depend on my neighbors to help me get that need met.

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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):

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- 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)**

## Senior Center Update

### What about Lunch?

Did you know that the Ypsilanti Senior Center located in the Community Center in Recreation Park provides hot, nutritious lunches on a daily basis? Join us for lunch, make new friends, and sign up for an activity.

Lunch Reservations are requested a day in advance by calling (734) 483-5014. The cost for lunch is a \$3 donation requested for people 60 years of age or older. For those under 60 you can join us by paying \$5.50 for your lunch. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Weekly after lunch activities include Euchre on Mondays, Knitting on Tuesdays, and Bingo on Wednesdays. There are various exercise activities each morning ranging from the ever popular Exercise with Mark, to line dancing and gentle fitness.

Other activities include Arts and Crafts, Writers' Group, Weaving, Crocheting Group and the Saturday morning Quilters. The newsletter and menu may be picked up at the Center or viewed online at [seniorcenter.org](http://seniorcenter.org).

Finally, don't miss our semi annual jewelry sale Saturday morning during the Normal Park Yard Sale. We will be there again this year!

### Watch out!

Although non-NPNA residents seeing speed limit signs and stop signs as "optional" can be a challenge, we NPNA residents can be the example for how to drive in our little part of the world. Especially with the coming of spring, kids will be zipping on bikes around our fair neighborhood. Be safe and drive 25 (or less)!



## TRiumph for Rutherford Pool

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 13! It's time once again to celebrate our beloved community pool! "TRiumph for Rutherford Pool" is a kids only, non competitive triathlon that challenges our youngsters, giving them the opportunity to experience a triathlon in a no pressure environment. The only one they compete against is themselves!

This is a charitable event, with all proceeds going directly to the Rutherford Pool.

Please come out and join us for a fantastic day of community celebration and great physical activity for our up and coming generation.

Registration Forms located at Rutherford Pool or [www.FORPOOL.org](http://www.FORPOOL.org)



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## Rutherford Pool Update

The early prediction is for a hot, humid summer! What better place to hang out at than the pool within walking distance of your home. The Rutherford Pool staff and board have been hard at work getting the schedule set. We considered the feedback from those that filled out a survey at the end of last summer and hope that we can improve on your concerns and carry on with what you liked. Below you'll find some information to get you started thinking about Summer.

Important dates:

- May 7: Early swim lesson registration and pass purchases can be made at the Senior Center between 2:00pm - 4:00pm
- May 21: Ypsilanti PRIDE from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Help spruce up the area around the pool. Please bring gardening tools and wheelbarrows if you have them.
- May 27: First night that the pool is open. Adult Lap swim 5:00 - 6:00pm and Family swim 6:00 - 8:00pm.
- May 28, 29, and 30 we will be open the following hours:
  - ◇ Adult Lap Swim: 12:00 - 1:00pm
  - ◇ Open Swim: 1:00 - 5:00pm
  - ◇ Adult Lap Swim: 5:00 - 6:00pm
  - ◇ Family Swim: 6:00 - 8:00pm.

Otherwise, please note that until June 13 we will be running our Pre-Season Hours:

- Monday - Friday:
  - ◇ Adult Lap Swim: 5:00 - 6:00pm
  - ◇ Family Swim: 6:00 - 8:00pm.
- Saturday and Sunday:
  - ◇ Adult Lap Swim: 12:00 - 1:00pm
  - ◇ Open Swim: 1:00 - 5:00pm
  - ◇ Adult Lap Swim: 5:00 - 6:00pm
  - ◇ Family Swim: 6:00 - 8:00pm

Swim Lesson sessions are: Monday through Thursdays with Friday as a make-up day.

- June 20-July 1
- July 5-July 15 (Note we will start on Tuesday and include Friday of that week)
- July 18-July 29
- August 1-August 12

There will be a swim team again this year. The development of the team is still in process.

Check out the Forpool.org website (currently being updated) and Rutherford Pool Facebook page for programming information as we get closer to opening. Passes can be purchased via paypal on the website. Early bird prices are available now through Memorial Day.

Prices:

- Early Bird Passes: now-Memorial Day
  - ◇ Family: \$250
  - ◇ Individual: \$95
  - ◇ Senior: \$60
- Full Season: After Memorial Day
  - ◇ Family: \$265
  - ◇ Individual: \$110
  - ◇ Senior: \$75
- Daily Admission:
  - ◇ Youth: \$3.00/\$2.25
  - ◇ Adult: \$4.00
  - ◇ Senior: \$2.75
  - ◇ Lessons: \$65/\$60 for second child or second lesson

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## Real Estate Update

The following homes are **actively being marketed** in our neighborhood (as of March 1, 2016):

1005 W. Cross	\$174,900
1302 Grant	\$139,900
408 N. Mansfield	\$149,000
1033 Washtenaw	\$174,900
325 N. Mansfield	\$112,900
485 N. Mansfield	\$199,900
949 Sheridan	\$85,000
913 Grant	\$190,000
360 N. Mansfield	\$139,900
1212 Pearl	\$174,900

The following homes were **recently sold** (October 5, 2015-March 1, 2016):

954 Sherman	\$130,000
1202 Grant	\$99,275
1216 S. Congress	\$101,750
1215 Pearl	\$151,000
302 Elm	\$178,900
468 N. Mansfield	\$151,000
1211 Sherman	\$185,000
1118 Pearl	\$62,000

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

## 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](mailto:president@normalpark.org)  
On the web: [www.normalpark.org](http://www.normalpark.org)

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## Mark your Calendar



For more information on our neighborhood events, visit [www.normalpark.org](http://www.normalpark.org).

- **Ypsi PRIDE Day** May 21  
Throughout the city, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **Memorial Day Parade** May 30  
Starts at 9:00 am
- **Normal Park Neighborhood Yard Sale** June 4  
Normal Park, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **The Color Run** June 25  
A colorful 5K through downtown
- **Independence Day Parade** July 4
- **Michigan Elvisfest** July 8-9  
Riverside Park
- **NPNA Ice Cream Social** Aug 3  
Senior Center, Recreation Park, 6:00 pm
- **Kids TRI-umph For Our Pool** Aug 13  
Recreation Park, 8:30 am
- **Heritage Festival** Aug 26-28  
Riverside Park, Depot Town, Frog Island and Downtown
- **NPNA Children's Halloween Parade** Oct 29  
Parade starts at 3:00 pm
- **NPNA Night of Lights** Dec 10  
Not that anyone wants to think about next winter yet!

## 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](mailto:newsletter@normalpark.org).

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