

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); run the annual children's Halloween parade...and more!

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New Summer Issue of Newsletter

Welcome to a summer special issue of the NPNA newsletter! Although small now, we anticipate this will become a regular issue in future years, joining the Spring and Fall issues.

NPNA Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 3 from 6:00 - 7:30 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.



Other Local Events

5th Annual Kids TRI-umph For Our Pool Sunday, August 13 from 8:30 am

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



Registration Deadline – Wed, August 10th at 8:00 PM.

****Late Fee applied after Wed, August 3rd at 8:00 PM****

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please contact Amyleigh Johnson to see how you can help on houseofbikes@comcast.net or 904-1507.

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Other Local Events (continued)

Normal Park Neighborhood Music Festival Saturday, August 20 at 12:00 - 8:00 pm

Howdy Normal Park from Colin Murphy, organizer of the Normal Park Neighborhood Music Festival! We had a spectacular kickoff last year and are ready for round 2! For those of you unfamiliar, the goal here is to have an open forum type of event where neighbors can be free to organize whatever they may want to do to participate.

For this year, three houses have confirmed live music to date:

- at 1124 Pearl St, time TBA: Fangs & Twang (fangsandtwang.com)
- at 302 Elm, time TBA: Missionary Zeal
- at 1202 Grant, time TBA: Spencer Michaud (www.spencermichaud.com) with special guests Linen Ray (www.reverbnation.com/linenray)

If you are inspired to host music at your house, go for it! If you do participate, I'd encourage everyone to please be considerate of your neighbors and to do everything possible to make this a positive and enjoyable event for the whole neighborhood. A few suggestions along these lines:

- Let's keep it family friendly!
- Let's keep it open to the neighborhood so anyone can come and enjoy.
- Let's watch the noise. Bands, we're not playing to Pine Knob here so let's try to keep the amplification to a minimum. Acoustic type acts can probably go without any PA or include very light amplification. The bands at my place will have some very moderate volume drummers, and my PA will really only be to boost the vocals a bit.
- Let's keep reasonable times. I plan to end the music before dark at my place. Later times after dark get into potential safety issues and are sure to aggravate neighbors with early evening bed times.
- Let's coordinate. If you plan to host music at your house, please send me your address, bands, times etc. and I'll get it up on the event's Facebook page. We can coordinate times if 2 hosting houses are close so we don't have issues there. All-in-all, please be kind and considerate to the neighborhood so that we can all enjoy! More info visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1617541685203778/>.

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.

Congratulations to the hOur Exchange Ypsilanti on their Third Anniversary

Shared by neighbor Shelley on Sheridan

The Ypsilanti time bank, frequently referred to as hEY, is celebrating three years of service to our community. The organization is part of a national group that was created to unify communities by exchanging hours of labor with businesses and individuals, cash free. The Ypsi bank has over 100 members and boasts of more than 3700 exchanges.

In a time bank you help a friendly neighbor doing work you love and earn credit for each hour of your service. In exchange, you can spend your time credits on any of the other different services you need that other members offer. Time banks are NOT barter networks.

Businesses and non-profits have a unique membership in the hour exchange. They can get services without providing services, which can be a good arrangement for them and individual members looking for hours. Ypsi business members include the Ypsi Food Co-op, Normal Park and College Heights Neighborhood Associations, the Ypsi Library and the Ypsilanti Jaycees.

If you would like more information about the Hour Exchange of Ypsilanti, go to: <https://hourworld.org/bank/?hw=1086> and fill out the application. (The site is a little troublesome to use, but they are trying to get national to change it and it's worth the effort.) If you have questions call Jeff Yoder. He would love to help you: (734) 545-2425.



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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!)

Purple Walrus Press

Owner and editor, Jeff Brown on Grant Street.
Purplewalruspress.blogspot.com
Purple Walrus Press is an Ypsilanti based news publication that features alternative news, views and reviews. PWP appears online daily and comes out in print edition quarterly.

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!

ENROLL TODAY!

3 REASONS TO LOVE SUMMER CAMPS AT FLY!

- 1) Our camps for grades K-8 connect art and the world around us (nature, math, music, community, and more)!
- 2) We're in your neighborhood! Camps are at Riverside Arts Center.
- 3) Proceeds benefit the work we do in Ypsilanti Community Schools.

FLY
CHILDREN'S ART CENTER

Register at flyartcenter.org.
Use the code **NORMAL** for \$20 off before July 31.

Rutherford Pool Update

The Pool and Senior Center had a small article in the paper. Check it out via <http://goo.gl/fYK5xM>.

Please remember that the Pool and the Senior Center are not funded directly from taxes but through rentals, daily fees and lessons. Thank the City Council members when you see them for the \$10,000 allocated. It really is necessary and completely appreciated. Imagine what your passes might cost if we didn't have it!

We also have a new addition to our cross walks in front of the pool. I do not know yet if this is the permanent solution or just to tide us over until something else can be done. Please remember though, that it is new to drivers and they still may not heed until we all get used to having them there.

Don't forget you can rent the pool. It costs \$85 for up an hour for up to 30 swimmers. We rent the pool when we do not have normal planning. If you wish to have more people or more time in the pool, Eric will adjust the price as necessary.

Look on our Facebook page for up pop up special nights and meet the staff postings.

Remember that it is the parent's job to be within arm's reach of the young children, even if they are in a floatie or life jacket. You are the first line of defense. It doesn't matter how many years or how many times you have come this year, your children still need to be under your care. Please remind your child not to run. If they get bloody, they cannot get into the Pool. Believe it or not, lifeguards do not get extra pay for each time they tell a child to stop running!

See you at the Pool!

Cathy Thorburn, Program Director

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Real Estate Update

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

1016 N. Congress	\$249,900
1104 W. Cross	\$165,000
480 N. Mansfield	\$149,000
920 Pearl	\$179,900
1115 Pearl	\$192,000
1223 Sherman	\$174,900
208 N. Wallace	\$153,500
1235 Washtenaw	\$159,900

The following homes were **recently sold** (since June 1, 2016):

1005 W. Cross	\$185,000
1310 W. Cross	\$176,530
1216 S. Congress	\$101,750
1310 N. Congress	\$148,000
1202 Grant	\$99,275
1302 Grant	\$125,000
8 N. Mansfield	\$165,900
360 N. Mansfield	\$135,000
485 N. Mansfield	\$199,900
1118 Pearl	\$62,000
1212 Pearl	\$185,000
906 Pleasant	\$176,000
949 Sheridan	\$86,000
1211 Sherman	\$185,000
1033 Washtenaw	\$170,000

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, or 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.

Election Time!

Remember to vote on Tuesday, August 2nd! In addition to the State & National Primary, the ballot includes selection of Ypsilanti City Council members and a new city-wide millage proposal. Absentee voter ballots are available from the City Clerk's office.

Mark your Calendar

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

- **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 in afternoon.
- **NPNA Night of Lights** Dec 10
Winter is coming...but not here yet!

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

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