

## 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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## NPNA Upcoming Events

### Children's Halloween Parade Saturday, October 28 at 3:00 pm

Calling all young and young at heart! This year's NPNA

Children's Halloween Parade will be Saturday, October 28 at

3:00pm. The parade will step off from the former middle school on Mansfield and will wind through the neighborhood to the Ypsilanti Senior Center where we will finish with a party.



Everyone is invited to dress in costume and meet in front of the school at 2:50 pm. If it is raining hard, we will just meet at the Senior Center for a party.

**We are looking for a few people to help us! If you would like to volunteer to help make this event awesome, we need the following:**

- The new band director at YCS stated he would love to do the parade next year but cannot this year. Therefore, we are looking for musicians to lead us!
- We need multiple volunteers to set up the Senior Center at 12:00 pm to organize chairs and tables, gather food, and put up decorations.
- We are seeking one kind soul to be at the Senior Center from 2:40 until the arrival of the parade group.
- Snacks! Bite-sized baked goods, fruit and veggies are really welcome. (We'll leave the candy for Trick-or-Treating.) The NPNA will provide cider. You can either drop off the goodies at 12:00 pm, or you can bring them with you after the parade.
- And of course, volunteers who wish to sweep and clean up afterwards are cherished!

Please email [newsletter@normalpark.org](mailto:newsletter@normalpark.org) or call 734-484-4677 if you can help.

We look forward to seeing you on the 28th! If the parade winds down your street, be sure to come outside to cheer on the kids! Thanks for your support!

## News from the Ypsi District Library

### YpsiGLOW & Halloween Downtown

Friday, October 27, 5:30-9:30pm

- 5:30-6:30pm: Bring the kids to Library Plaza for trick or treating, a costume contest, and book giveaways on the Boo!Mobile. Sponsored by the Downtown Association of Ypsilanti.
- 6:30-9:30pm: Ypsilanti GLOWS on North Washington Street with hundreds of community and artist creations, for a night of dancing, DJs raised into the air, interactive art activities, black-lit stations, street performances, glowing window displays, and more! This event is for every and any age! Visit [ypsiGLOW.org/GLOWworkshops](http://ypsiGLOW.org/GLOWworkshops) to learn when you can make your GLOW gear.

**TALK: Text and Learn for Kindergarten** helps kids get ready to read and write when they start school—with text messages! You'll receive two text messages per week suggesting quick and easy activities to try with your child. We'll also let you know about free local events for young children in your area. This service is designed for parents and caregivers of children 5 and under in the Washtenaw County. Text TALK to 77453 to sign up or visit [texttolearn.com](http://texttolearn.com) for more information.

As always, find all the details at [www.ypsilibrary.org](http://www.ypsilibrary.org).



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## 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.*

### Discover the Cooperative ORchard of Ypsilanti

*Shared by neighbor Lisa Bashert*

C.O.R.Y. is the Cooperative ORchard of Ypsilanti, an organic urban orchard on the south side of Ypsilanti. CORY is a cooperative — anyone can join. We have membership levels from 0-\$150.

In 2011, 12 urban growers bought a foreclosed lot on Jefferson Street. We grew veggies in 2012 and planted the first trees in 2013. We bought the adjoining non-buildable lot in 2016. Now we have about 30 trees including apples, peaches, cherries, pears, apricots, persimmons, nuts, and pawpaws.

CORY seeks increasing diversity of our membership, especially from near neighbors. We have a neighbor growing veggies onsite, have provided mowing/shoveling jobs, involved high school & neighbor kids, received help from fellow Southside & citywide urban agriculture folks, and inspired neighborhood conversations. CORY was just visited in September by Growing Hope's "Tour de Fresh."

CORY fights neighborhood blight, crosses racial divides, builds community, increases healthy food access, and demonstrates organic growing. Our first harvests are coming in: first peaches and persimmons in 2015, BIG peach harvest 2016, first cherries in 2017, and we hope for our first apples in 2018.

Our next goal is to build a shed for tools and water collection. We previously collected water from an adjoining foreclosed house, which was bought last spring. We hope to use gutters on such a building (perhaps a lean-to roof or shed) to fill a rain barrel.

See our Facebook page for many pictures of CORY and for more information about membership!  
<https://www.facebook.com/ypsiorchard/>

## 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!)

### Kirsten Mowrey, LMT, BCTMB

Hello Neighbors! My name is Kirsten Mowrey and I've been in Normal Park since 1998. I operate a therapeutic massage and energy practice in the neighborhood. Massage is helpful for a wide range of needs: stress relief, immune support during cancer treatment, overall health and end of life. I work with physicians on treatment plans for clients, women wanting to get pregnant, folks rehabilitating from surgery, and people dealing with anxiety and depression. I work with middle life exercisers, teen athletes and aging elders to improve performance, reduce stress and just plain feel good. After 20 plus years in the profession, my skill set is expansive and deep. Additionally, my neighborhood clients appreciate the short commute home and the confidentiality and privacy of treatment I provide. If you are looking for an Ypsilanti local, high quality health care professional, you can check out my website at [www.kirstenmowrey.com](http://www.kirstenmowrey.com) or send me a text at 734-716-2930 to discuss your needs. See you in the neighborhood!

### Fancy Free: Professional Organizing

Owner is Abi Middaugh  
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Fancy Free is your guaranteed way to organization through intense purging and stress-free, one-on-one service. Though Abi Middaugh is only a teenager, she has much experience organizing for adult friends and family. She offers organization in closets, kitchens, playrooms, bathrooms, and more. Make sure to visit her great website offering all the details on this opportunity, and email anytime to schedule an initial phone consultation!



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## HELP ME!

They say one always has to have a snappy headline, so now that I have your attention...

My name is Adrienne Meyer, and I have edited the NPNA newsletter for almost ten years. I can say definitively that the issues that have received the most positive feedback have been the ones in which neighbors have contributed the most content. Translation: YOU ARE NEEDED! About a month before an issue is produced, I send out a call for submissions to the neighborhood email list and on Facebook. If you have a topic that you'd like to discuss — even if it's only a paragraph or two long — and the topic is relevant to Normal Park, I want to hear from you! Email me on [newsletter@normalpark.org](mailto:newsletter@normalpark.org) or call me on 734-484-4677.

Furthermore, 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? Write the board and let us know that you're interested by contacting [president@normalpark.org](mailto:president@normalpark.org)!



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

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## Real Estate Update

As of October 6, 2017, there are currently no active listings in Normal Park.

The following homes were **recently sold** (since January 1, 2017):

1208 N. Congress	\$290,000
1109 Pearl	\$249,900
106 Oakwood	\$210,000
1308 Pearl	\$185,000
917 Pleasant	\$199,000
925 Sheridan	\$135,000
912 Sheridan	\$150,000
4 S. Summit	\$315,000
104 N. Wallace	\$199,900
210 N. Wallace	\$228,000
310 N. Wallace	\$193,000
1404 Westmoorland	\$189,000
1228 Westmoorland	\$236,000

**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)

### Current Board Members

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Community Garden:	Jessica Faul
At-large members:	Rebecca Dunkle Stephanie Hart Kira Berman Kerri Pepperman

## Mark your Calendar



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

- **Halloween Downtown & YpsiGLOW** **Oct. 27**  
Washington Street, 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- **NPNA Children's Halloween Parade** **Oct. 28**  
Former Middle School, Step off at 3:00 pm
- **YMOW Holiday Home Tour** **Dec. 2**  
Various locations, 3:00 - 11:00 pm
- **NPNA Night of Lights** **Dec. 9**  
All around Normal Park, starting at 6:00 pm!
- **DIYpsi Holiday Market** **Dec. 9-10**  
Riverside Arts Center

## 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).

## 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.