



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, and you can find a donation link on www.normalpark.org. Your dues, along with the proceeds from our annual yard sale registrations, make it possible for the NPNA to support neighborhood projects, events, meetings and more!

Events Return!

Read inside for information on the upcoming Yard Sale, Ice Cream Social, and other activities in the neighborhood!

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We're back...but we need help!

It's been a long two years, hasn't it? With the pandemic starting right before the Spring 2020 issue of the NPNA newsletter would have been produced, it's been a while since we've been in contact...so long, that undoubtedly there are many readers new to the neighborhood wondering what this newsletter is! As you can see in the description to the left, the Normal Park Neighborhood Association exists as a way for this neighborhood to come together and run fun social events, inform each other about activities, and generally strength the amazing bond we have as neighbors. Events — such as the Yard Sale in June, the Ice Cream Social in August, the Children's Halloween Parade in October, and the Night of Lights in December — are organized by a small group of volunteers, many of whom have lived in this neighborhood for a few decades and have been volunteering with the NPNA for just as long. And we need help!

Would you be interested in joining in on the fun to help create social events for our neighborhood? Or are you a writer and editor who would like to be a bit more behind the scenes? All opportunities provide a way to meet new neighbors and make new connections! Here are some ways you could join in:

- Take over the organization of an established event! This is great for those who want to meet others but would prefer to not design an activity. The organizers of all of the above events are willing to train so that we can have multiple people who are able to run the events that our neighborhood loves. We've been organizing these events for a long time and would like to ensure that they are transitioned properly to others.
- Create a new event! So you're the creative type, eh? Well, join us at a board meeting to talk through your idea of an activity for neighbors! We would love to shake things up a little.
- Write and edit this newsletter! This twice-yearly newsletter is the voice of the neighborhood, and to keep it relevant, new perspectives need to be heard. I'm looking for someone to whom I can transition this newsletter.
- Just help out! We are always seeking people who can join the board* and help out a few hours every few months. (*Board meetings have good snacks!)

Join us by contacting president@normalpark.org or call 734-985-0031!

NPNA Upcoming Events

NPNA Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 4 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.

To reduce mistakes in transcription, the NPNA is moving to an [online registration system](#). This system will allow you to type in your information directly and then pay by credit card. You can find the registration form on www.normalpark.org. If you don't have access to the internet, we will still accept a paper registration. You can find a paper form to complete on page 3.

The \$10 online/\$12 paper 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.

Submit the registration form no later than Friday, May 27. Submissions received after this date unfortunately cannot be included on the paper map.

Hamburger Mary's Neighborhood Meet Up

Friday, June 17 at 6:30 pm

Hamburger Mary's opened in the former Tower Inn Restaurant a few months ago, and the NPNA is crashing the party! Join us for dinner, meet your neighbors, and have a great time.

Hamburger Mary's is a nationwide franchise that has become a welcoming place for everyone, especially members of the LGBTQ community. Its bar and grill restaurants across the U.S. feature food, drinks, and drag queen entertainment. The goal at the Ypsi restaurant is to provide family-friendly entertainment for everyone, even if you aren't a member of the LGBTQ community or have never attended a drag event.

If you would like to attend, let us know since seats are limited. Sign up by emailing Kerri Pepperman on kpepperman@gmail.com no later than June 15.

NPNA BBQ in Rec Park

Sunday, July 17 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Ever looked over at a BBQ in Rec Park and said "that looks like they are having fun"? Well, now you don't have miss out any longer! The NPNA is taking over the pavilions at Rec Park for a neighborhood-wide BBQ. NPNA will supply the mains, you bring the sides! (If it rains, this event will be postponed.)

If you would like to help coordinate this event, please email president@normalpark.org.

More information to come!

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! This event also serves as the organization's Annual Meeting with election of officers. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact president@normalpark.org.

Neighbor Shout Outs!

Shout out and many thanks to **Rebecca Dunkle** for her years of service as an NPNA board member and as moderator of the Normal Park email list. While most of the neighborhood online conversation has shifted to social media in recent years, the email list used to receive a considerable amount of messages. Rebecca screened and posted every single one, as well as approving each member who wanted to be added to the list. We appreciate you, Rebecca, and wish you all the best in your retirement!

Shout out to neighbor **Angela Scott** who is always ready to lend a hand, run an errand, deliver a donut or coffee, or organize a community craft show. Thank you, Angela, for being a great neighbor to our whole community!

Shout out to the neighbors at **1114 N Congress** for their annual front yard Easter egg display! Such a treat for the kids (and adults) in the neighborhood!

NPNA Yard Sale

Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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If you don't have access to the internet, we will still accept paper registrations. Cut out this registration form and submit it no later than Friday, May 27 to NPNA Yard Sale, c/o Megan Brown at 1210 Grant Street. Checks should be made payable to NPNA. Submissions received after this date unfortunately cannot be included on the paper map.

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, etc.):

YES, please list me on the neighborhood map! (\$12 for paper registration)

YES, I am enclosing an additional \$10 for NPNA dues for my household! (\$10)



Real Estate Update

The following homes are currently listed **for sale**:

43 S. Summit	\$250,000
959 Washtenaw	\$379,900

The following homes were **sold** since November 18, 2021:

1479 N. Mansfield	\$185,000
7 Oakwood	\$390,000
475 Owendale	\$257,450
1219 Pearl	\$406,000
955 Sheridan	\$260,000
226 N. Summit	\$179,000
201 N. Wallace	\$230,000
959 Washtenaw	\$220,000
1215 Washtenaw	\$241,000
1239 Washtenaw	\$298,500
1306 Westmoorland	\$347,500

Dennis Longo, an NPNA resident and area Realtor® for 40 years, compiled the above information. Please contact him at Premier Choice Realty (300 North Huron, Ypsilanti 48197), 734-961-6600, 734-649-6182 cell, or dennis@premierchoicerealty.biz, with any real estate questions.

Open positions on the Board and for volunteer opportunities are available!!

We are looking for residents who are interested in planning activities in the neighborhood. Curious? Drop an email to president@normalpark.org. We welcome any level of commitment, big or small. (And again, board meetings have great snacks!)

Mark your Calendar



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

- **Normal Park Neighborhood Yard Sale** June 4
Normal Park, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **Hamburger Mary's NPNA Brunch** June 17
- **NPNA Summer BBQ at Rec Park** July 17
- **NPNA Ice Cream Social** Aug 3
Senior Center, Recreation Park, 6:00 pm
- **NPNA Children's Halloween Parade** Oct 29
Parade starts at 3:00 pm at WIMA/WIHI

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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