

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!

Thanks to Our Contributors!

Many thanks to this issue's contributors: Amy Strutz, Arika Lycan, Angela Scott, and Dennis Longo. Their work helps makes this a truly neighbor-driven publication. Consider joining them in a future issue with a submission.

Write us at newsletter@normalpark.org.

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NPNA Upcoming Events

NPNA Children's Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 pm

Calling all young and young at heart--the NPNA Children's Halloween Parade is back for another year!

The parade will step off from WIMA/WiHi on Mansfield on Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 pm. The route will wind through the neighborhood and end up at the Senior Center where we will complete the usual traditions:

1. Kids introduce themselves and their costumes (if they want to)
2. Dance to Monster Mash
3. Eat snacks

Everyone is invited to dress in costume and meet in front of the school at 1:50 pm. If it is raining hard, we will post here to just meet directly at the Senior Center. If it's just a few sprinkles, bring your umbrellas and join us. If you're not marching in the parade, be sure to cheer the kids and band on as they come by.

Watch the Facebook event page for a sign-up to bring snacks or help with set up/tear down.



Backup Power Solutions

By Amy Strutz

Frequent power outages have become an increasingly frustrating reality in our neighborhood, leaving many of us wondering what options are available when the lights go out. To help neighbors better understand the possibilities, and the potential costs, Amy of AJ Leo Electric & Solar, has provided approximate pricing for backup power solutions. Amy is not only a local expert but also a NPNA neighbor.

\$700

2kWh plug in battery.

Sample: AnkerSolix S2000

Plugs in wall, fridge, freezer, sump pump or furnace with electric rework plugs into it and when power is out it still runs automatically. Fridge 2-3 days. Take it to a buddies house with power to recharge within 2-3 hours. Can also connect a solar panel.

\$1000-2000

Roll around pour in gas generator.

\$1500-5000

3.6 -7.2 kWh battery (larger also available) not very portable battery but maybe can transport. Solar recharge also possible

\$800-1500

Generator inlet for 240v 30 amp

~ 5000 watt or more generator

~240v battery systems

~some Electric Vehicles

\$4000-5000

Smart Power Management for 240v batteries

Solar can work with these

\$10,000-\$20,000

Automatic whole home generators, natural gas

\$30,000 and up (the systems we install are usually \$40,000-45,000 to start, FranklinWH and Tesla. We are looking hard at AnkerSolix)
Battery systems with solar

Electric vehicles or gas vehicles with inverters can also supply your home.

Amy, A J Leo Electric & Solar [734-368-6945](tel:734-368-6945) for advice or bids.

Election Season Reminders & Info

By Arika Lycan (they/them), Precinct Delegate for Normal Park, College Heights, and Ward 2 Precinct 1

Election Season reminders and info:

Election Day = Nov 3rd

Early Voting is Oct 24 - Nov 1 at Ypsilanti Freighthouse, 100 Market Place, from 9 am - 5 pm Absentee ballots need to be put in the mail by Oct 20

Sample ballot: tinyurl.com/my-sampleballot

Your voter info: tinyurl.com/findyourvoterinfo

Do you vote Absentee?

Come "walk in" your Absentee ballot to one of the City's designated Ballot Drop boxes!

Join your neighbors (across party affiliation) for a short walk, as we make sure our Absentee Ballots get safely where they need to go.

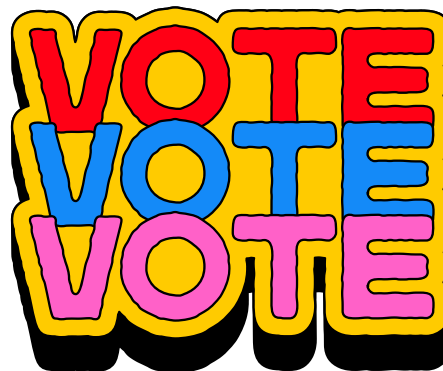
Oct 15th at 5:30pm, Meet at Edith Hefley Tot Lot

Walks will be under 1 mile each way.

Let's make Ypsi voter turnout better than ever

Reach out with questions, or for ways to get involved in this November General Election: ALycan734@gmail.com or [614-507-1161](tel:614-507-1161)

Every Vote Matters!



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 email: president@normalpark.org

On the web: www.normalpark.org

Current Board Members

President:	Dawn Keech
Vice President:	Claudia Pettit
Secretary:	OPEN
Treasurer:	Megan Brown
Greenscape:	David Jeffries
New Neighbor:	Angie Moloney
Newsletter:	Courtenay Tooles
	Stacey Aksman
Website:	Kerri Pepperman
At-large members:	Kira Berman
	Stephanie Hart
	Alex Pettit
	Jason Ringholz
	Scott Bethune
	Shannon Baer
	Katia Lev
	Alex Pietrantonio
	Nina Gilmore
	Jessica Howell
	Eric Nicholson

Open positions on the board and 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!)



The poster features a festive design with a circular logo on the left containing a hammer, a saw, and the letters 'YPSI' with 'ARTISANS MARKET' below it. To the right, the title 'Ypsi Artisans Holiday Markets' is written in a large, elegant script. Below the title, a paragraph of text is surrounded by illustrations of a Christmas tree, a red stocking, a spinning top, and wrapped gifts. At the bottom, a small line of text states 'Ypsi Artisans Market is a 501c3 Nonprofit Organization'.

Get ready for the Ypsi Artisans Holiday Market!
Shop and support 40+ Ypsilanti-based crafters, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations while celebrating the amazing spirit of our community! A special thank you to the Ypsilanti City Council for recognizing the value of community events and supporting local connections.

Ypsilanti Freighthouse
100 Market Place
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198
Nov. 28th & 29th
Dec. 19th & 20th
10am-4pm

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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.

Real Estate Update

These homes are **currently active** as of September 16, 2026:

1309 Congress	\$299,800
960 Cross	\$265,000

The following homes have been **sold** since January 1, 2026:

930 Congress	\$332,000
1133 Congress	\$252,000
1307 Congress	\$245,000
350 Mansfield	\$322,000
465 Mansfield	\$370,000
7 Oakwood	\$400,000
1109 Westmoorland	\$284,900
1218 Westmoorland	\$376,500

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.