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FEP BUZZ

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Thank you!

An extreme thanks is given to those partners that helped create the series of **Community Immunity Conversations** held at the Parkridge Community Center and FEP Community Rooms throughout the month of February. These important conversations highlighted the positives of getting the Covid-19 vaccine, misinformation surrounding the coronavirus and the historical distrust between BIPOC and the medical community. Getting first hand information from trusted health care professionals that look like those in the community extends to corners previously unreachable. To all of our partners and collaborators, thank you!



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IN PERSON

BOARD MEETING

Date: March 15, 2022

Place: Sauk Trail Pointe

Community Room

Time: 6:00pm

Please join us!

COMMENTS,
CARES, AND
CONCERNS!



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Questions?
Suggestions? Please
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Family Empowerment Program:
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Hamilton Crossing: (144 Units)
596 S. Hamilton Street
(734)-484-1706

Hollow Creek: (24 Units)
130 S. Grove
(734) 221-5499

New Parkridge: (86 Units)
831 Hilyard Robinson Way
(734) 961-7453

Sauk Trail Pointe: (36 Units)
928 W. Michigan Ave.
(734) 547-5117

**Debra Strong Housing Scattered Sites and Towner: (29 Units) &
Towner (23 Units)**

Great Lakes Security Dispatch: (844) 475-2537

#breakthestigma

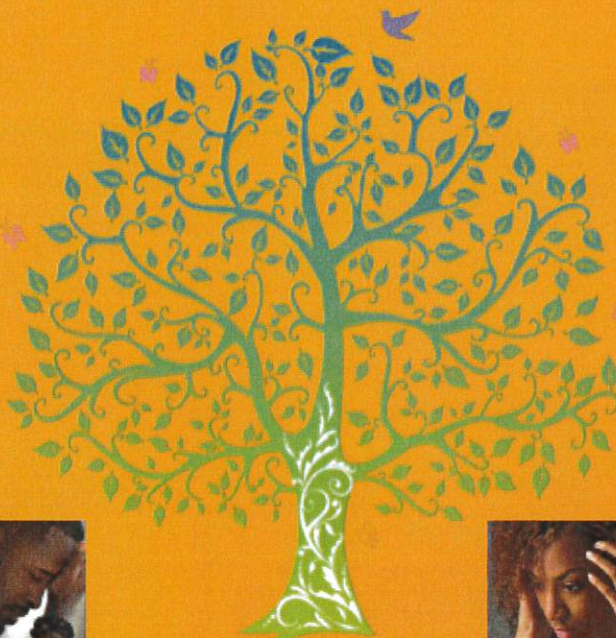


MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



Break the Stigma!

*Presented by the Family Empowerment Program
and NAMI*



FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm

**Place: 831 Hilyard Robinson Way
Ypsilanti, MI 48198**



Washtenaw County





Computer Classes



Computer Literacy

The Family Empowerment Program and The Parkridge Community Center are teaming up to bring you free computer literacy classes. Free computers for the first residents to sign up. Classes are one day events lasting 2 hours each.

DATES:

Hollow Creek: Tuesday-March 22, 2022
Sauk Trail Pointe: Wednesday-March 23, 2022
Hamilton Crossing: Tuesday-March 29, 2022
New Parkridge: Wednesday-March 30, 2022

TIMES:

4:00pm-6:00pm

Limited Supply of Free Computers Available

**Adults 18-55 yrs.
One-2 hour Class**



734.645.1851

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MARCH 2022

FOOD PANTRY

Hollow Creek Pantry: March 8, 2022 (Tuesday)
11:30am-2:30pm

Towner Pantry: March 9, 2022 (Wednesday)
11:30am-2:30pm

Sauk Trail Pointe Pantry: March 14, 2022 (Monday)
12:00pm-3:00pm

Refer A Friend

Questions contact: Yvette Pruitt
Phone: 734.787.0606

Open to all residents and the public.





SummerWorks

Washtenaw County Summer Youth Employment Program



Work. (L)earn. Thrive. Invest in YOU!

SummerWorks is a 10-week summer professional development, employment, and mentorship program for young adults in Washtenaw County (ages 16-24). This program provides the opportunity to:

- Network with local professionals
- Explore career opportunities and new industries
- Build essential job and leadership skills

What are you signing up for?

- You can expect to...
 - Improve your "Essential Skills" such as resume writing, interviewing, & more.
 - Be matched with a mentor from a local organization, business, or government.
 - Watch career sneak peeks with guest speakers who will show you what it's like to work in their field.
- You may be selected for a PAID Summer Internship, which means
 - Working 10 weeks, 20 hours a week from June through August



"One of the biggest benefits to participating in SummerWorks has been the opportunity to gain experience in a more professional environment"

*- Anastasia Frederick
SummerWorks Young Adult*

"SummerWorks helped me to gain access to jobs that I otherwise wouldn't have found on my own",

*- Chinedum Wejinya
SummerWorks Young Adult*

"SummerWorks has opened up a lot of great networking opportunities. I have been able to use some of those connections and network to prepare for [graduate school] in the fall,"

*- Alayna Good
SummerWorks Young Adult*



SummerWorks.info



mail@summerworks.info

For more information, including how to apply:



Attention: Washtenaw County Residents

**Are You Low-Income and Need Assistance
Paying Your Rent?**

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program administered by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) may be able to assist. The HCV program is a federally funded rental assistance program that assists low-income residents with paying their rent. Generally, eligible families must have income levels at or below the extremely low-income limit as established by HUD based on county and family size.

MSHDA's HCV Program waiting list for Washtenaw County will be open on 3/15/2022, at 9:00 a.m. EST and closed on 3/22/2022, at 3:00 p.m. EST. Applications are available on-line only; no paper applications will be available or accepted. **NOTE:** You may only apply to one county waiting list.

During the time the waiting list is open, you must submit your application online at: <https://mshda.myhousing.com/>.

MSHDA will use a lottery system to place applicants on the waiting list. Once the waiting list closes, all applications will be assigned a lottery number and randomly sorted. The first **2,000** applications selected as part of the random sort will be placed on the waiting list. At the conclusion of the random sort process, all applicants will be notified via email whether or not their application was selected for placement on the waiting list.

For those applications selected for placement on the waiting list, preference will be given to County residents (those living or working in the County of application). Additional preferences will be given to Michigan residents (those living or working in Michigan) and to a head of household, co-head, or spouse with a disability.

Placement on the waiting list does not indicate you are eligible for rental assistance. A final determination of eligibility will be made when you are selected from the waiting list, including verifying household income and any preferences selected when applying to the list. If you selected a preference as part of your application and it cannot be verified once you are pulled from the waiting list, your application will be denied, and you will be required to reapply to the waiting list when it is open. Acceptable proof of preferences can be found on MSHDA's HCV waiting list webpage at: www.michigan.gov/mshda/rental/housing-choice-voucher/mshda-housing-choice-voucher-hcv-waiting-list-information.

If you or a household member is disabled and requires a reasonable accommodation to apply for the MSHDA Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List, please call (517) 241-8986 for assistance with your application.



FREE TAX FILING

VITA SEASON 2022

Schedule your appointment today!
Call 211 or visit

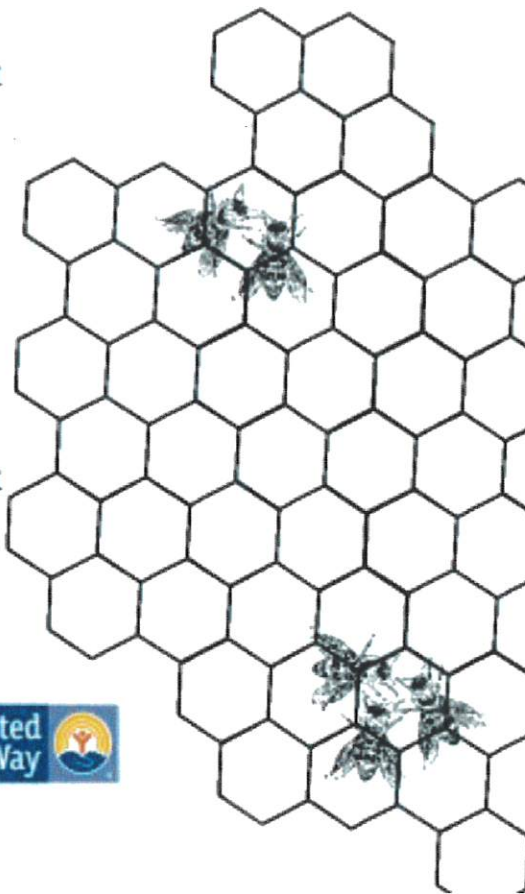
<https://www.micauw.org/free-tax-help>

Virtual VITA Services

- Schedule your appointment and self-upload all documents
- Expect a call from a certified Tax Preparer and let us do the work!
- Review, sign, and free file your tax return

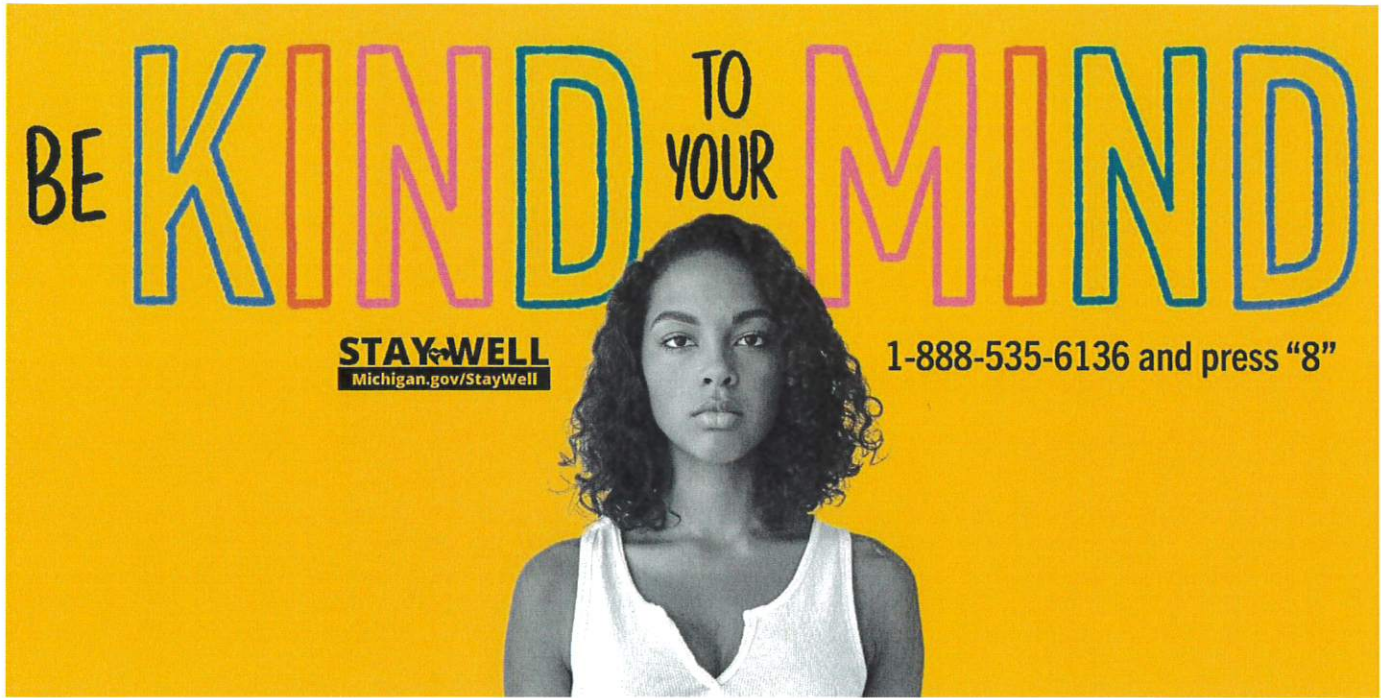
Scan & Go Appointments

- Schedule an appointment with partner nonprofit and get help getting your documents to us
- Expect a call from a certified Tax Preparer and let us do the work!
- Review, sign, and file your tax return for free!



United Way
of Washtenaw County





The COVID-19 pandemic has created emotional distress in Michigan communities. Adults, teens, and children have shared that they are feeling anxious, depressed and uncertain about the future. These feelings are normal and understandable—and it can help to talk to someone.

Be Kind to Your Mind.

Call the Michigan Stay Well counseling line for free emotional support.

Dial 1-888-535-6136 and press “8.”

Remain on the line until you hear the prompt to speak with a Stay Well counselor. This service is free, confidential, and available 24/7.



For more guidance on coping with pandemic-related distress, visit Michigan.gov/StayWell.

The Stay Well program is brought to you by a behavioral health task force within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, with grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Crisis counseling training was provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.





Comcast
Internet Essentials



FREE INTERNET:

- No Contract
- No Credit Check
- No Installation Fee
- In Home WI-FI
- 25 Mbps
- Free for 6 months



MUST:

- Provide Social Security Number or other Government Issued ID (Washtenaw County ID).
- Be 18+ years of age and available to be home during equipment drop off. (Self Installation Kit, No Contact Necessary).
- Check box for the National School Lunch Program on the application.
- Be a resident of the Ypsilanti Housing Commission.

Need help or have questions: Contact

Myra at 734.645.1851



March 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 March 1st SELF-INJURY AWARENESS DAY <small>judge bias, understand mine.</small>	1 GED Class 4-6pm	 2	3 GED Class 4-6pm	4	5
6	7 Hamilton Crossing Tutoring 3-5pm	8 Hollow Creek Pantry 11:30am-2:30pm Sauk Trail Tutoring 3-5pm GED Class 4-6pm	9 Towner Pantry 11:30am-2:30pm Hamilton Crossing Tutoring 3-5pm	10 Sauk Trail Tutoring 3-5pm GED Class 4-6pm	11	12 NAMI Break the Stigma 12:00pm New Parkridge
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27	28	29	30	31		

Parkridge Community Center After School Program has certified teachers who provide instruction on Math, Reading and Spanish. The program is free and serves children ages 5-12 years old. They receive homework help, get to partake in Science Projects, Arts and Crafts and fun enrichment activities. Programming runs 4 PM - 7 PM on Mondays-Thursdays.



GED and High School Completion Classes: Open to all YHC Residents WALK-INS WELCOME! You can start classes AT ANY TIME!

