

Ypsilanti Housing Commission September 2023 Newsletter

A Note from the Director

As Fall approaches, I would like to wish everyone a fantastic school year filled with growth, learning, and exciting challenges. Remember, every new beginning offers a chance to start strong and set the tone for success. Once again we will be offering afterschool tutoring will across the YHC sites. Please contact your assigned service coordinator for more information..

Property Management Update

Non-payment, repeated late payment of rent, occupancy changes without appropriate and timely notice or default in any other financial obligation due under the lease beyond any grace period constitutes a breach of the lease and may result in termination of the Resident's tenancy. Repeated late payment of rent shall be defined as the Resident paying rent after the fifth (5th) day of the month on three (3) or more occasions during any twelve-month period.

The Management Agent reserves the right to not renew the Lease Agreement of any resident who has received three delinquency notices within a twelve-month period. If you are behind in your rent and / or utilities, please make sure you are communicating with your property manager. If you need resources, please contact FEP.

Please review the attached Parking/Towing notice & the Rent Collect Policy.

Rent Collection Policy

1. Rent is due and payable the 1st day of the month
2. Rent is considered late the 2nd day of the month, however, no penalty is imposed
3. Late fee is assessed after the 5th day of the month in the amount of \$5
4. Each day after the 6th day of the month there is an additional \$1 per day

What's Happening at New Parkridge

Help us welcome our intern, Gisselle Ramirez, from Eastern Michigan University.

Free GED Prep Classes: GED prep classes are returning to New Parkridge. Be on the look out: flyers with dates and times will be posted at the New Parkridge office in the coming weeks. If you would like more information about the GED Prep course, please contact Christa Hughbanks at (734) 787-2412.

Educational Workshop: We are finalizing the dates for our Educational Workshop. Please take a look at the attached Educational Workshop flyer to see what topics will be covered.

Cooking Classes: Healthy Foods, Healthy Families Cooking & Nutrition Class for adults providing food to children will be returning soon.

Telling It for the Youth: *Telling It for the Youth* is starting in October for teens between 13-16-years old. Interested parents should contact Christa Hughbanks at (734) 787-2412.

Afterschool Tutoring

Please contact your resident services coordinator for more information about afterschool tutoring.

National Night Out Photo's

Please use the QR in the flyer to access photos from this year's National Night Out.



Photo Booth



Unit Transfers

Currently, we are not conducting transfers at any of our properties. We will inform residents once we are ready to resume. Household composition change take priority with all transfers.

Strong Future Resident Council

The next Strong Future Resident Council meeting will be held on September 5th, 5 pm at Sauk Trail.

Family Empowerment Program

→ What is the Family Empowerment Program?

The Family Empowerment program was created to provide individuals and families of the YHC with Individualized Supportive Services, which is done by working with our residents to promote self-sufficiency in three key areas - employment, education, and health/wellness.

→ What can the FEP help with?

FEP staff have varying focus areas, ranging from mental health coordination, education and wellness, senior support, and permanent supportive housing. Available services are quite varied: FEP hosts 6 food pantries a month (Sauk Trail, Hollow Creek, Towner), provides GED courses, afterschool tutoring, transportation, game nights, community events, case management, mental health counseling, financial literacy, and referrals for furniture, home essentials, car repair, assistance with DTE bills, and much more.

→ Who should I contact for support?

Each YHC community has FEP staff present. Listed below are the staff members in each community. In the event of a crisis, we encourage residents to contact any available FEP staff member in addition to appropriate first responders (EMT, fire department, police department, etc...).

New Parkridge:

- Christa Hughbanks, Mental Health Resident Services Coordinator: (734) 787-2412
- Melinda Miller, Permanent Supportive Housing Coordinator, (734) 787-0239

Hamilton Crossing:

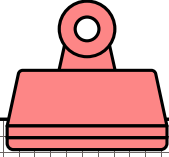
- Lamar Thomas, Resident Services Coordinator, (734) 787-2609

Strong Future, Sauk Trail, Hollow Creek, Towner, Scattered Sites:

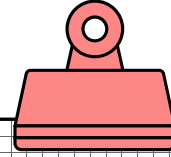
- Sergio Hernandez, Senior Resident Cares Coordinator, (734) 757-5962

***Please note as a reminder that the Family Empowerment Program works to assist residents with their housing needs, crisis situations, and community building. All and any case management is confidential unless the resident has a signed release of information form stating the information discussed may be shared with other parties. If there are concerns regarding program operations, please contact Mark Hammond, Director of the Family Empowerment Program at (734) 787-0290.**

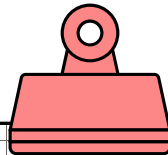
September 2023 Food Pantry Calendar



Sauk Trail Food Pantry:
September 11th at 11 am
September 25th at 11 am



Hollow Creek Food Pantry:
September 5th at 1 pm



Towner Food Pantry:
September 6th at 1 pm
September 20th 11am

*****URGENT NOTICE*****

ATTENTION VALUED RESIDENTS:

TOWING HAS STARTED!

In mid-June notices were sent to all households that towing of un-stickered vehicles would begin on July 1st.

Towing of un-stickered vehicles is active.

If you have not come to the office to get a parking sticker, please do so as soon as possible. A valid (current) registration is required to receive a sticker.

As a reminder:

- **ALL GUESTS** must street park to avoid being towed.
- **ANY** vehicles without a current parking sticker may be towed at any time.

If your vehicle is towed, please contact:

**Budget Towing
876 Railroad Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
(734) 485-2055**

EDUCATIONAL Workshop

Join us for informative and engaging summer events to promote mental health and wellness, self-help skills, financial awareness, and more.

***Money Matters:
Empowering Financial
Literacy***

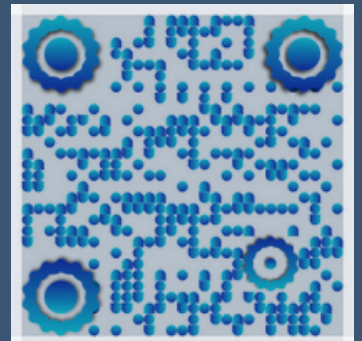
***Expressive Oasis:
Ignite Your Creative
Self-Care***

***Mindful Journeys:
Nurturing Mental Health
and Well-being***

***Community Connections:
Share, Support, Thrive***

Registration Required:

Be sure to complete the online form to get registered. Space may be limited.





Healthy Foods, Healthy Families

Cooking & Nutrition Class

for adults providing food for children

DATE & TIME:
6 Week Series

August 16th—September 20th
Wednesdays
6—8 pm

LOCATION:
831 Hilyard Robinson Way
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

COST:
Offered at no cost
Pre Registration Required
To Register Call
517-264-5312
Or scan QR code



<https://bit.ly/3CGbkKj>



Topics Include:

- How to prepare simple, healthy family friendly meals
- Reading and using food labels
- Learn key messages about each food group & why we need them
- Meal planning and how to create a food budget
- Keep the foods you buy safe for you and your family
- Physical activity recommendations for adults and children
- Weekly hands on cooking experiences with food tastings

Receive a Certificate upon completion with hours attended.

If you have questions you can email them to Vanessa at armst393@msu.edu



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This course is funded by the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program—EFNEP, in partnership with National Institute of Food and Agriculture Cooking Matters is part of MSU Extension's EFNEP program, which provides nutrition education to low-income Michigan residents. You can find more information about MSU Extension's EFNEP program at <https://www.canr.msu.edu/efnep/>

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