



# npna

normal park neighborhood association

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summer 2006

## NPNA Ice Cream Social

**Where:** Community/Senior Center Rec Park  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 2, 2006  
**Time:** 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Program:** Ice Cream, Meeting Neighbors, and Fun

## NPNA ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Wednesday, August 2, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm the NPNA is holding its annual Ice Cream Social in the Rose Garden behind the Community/Senior Center in Recreation Park.

It is time, once again, for the NPNA Ice Cream Social. This is a wonderful event because it brings folks together in ways that our other events do not.

Our other three quarterly meetings attract neighbors who are interested in specific topics, from city planning to parking changes to understanding how Normal Park residents can keep their heating costs down. Our other neighborhood events, like the Night of Lights and the yard sale get folks out and about in the neighborhood, meeting and learning from each other in ways that help foster understanding and friendships. Our Halloween Parade brings out the children (and their parents!) for an afternoon of wonderful fun.

Each and every one of these events is important to fostering a true sense of community and is of interest and fun to the participants. But the Ice Cream Social ties all of these things together. Perhaps it's the time of year: summer time! Perhaps it's the venue: the Rose Garden, a garden grown and tended by the loving hands of a few dedicated neighbors for all to enjoy. Perhaps it's simply the offerings: ICE CREAM! Whatever the reason, the Ice Cream Social brings out all different kinds of neighbors, young, old, some with kids, some without, for an evening of tasty treats, informal conversation, games for kids, and simple pleasure.

Please join us on August 2nd for some ice cream.

## NPNA CANDIDATES FORUM

**Thursday, July 20, at 7:00 pm, Community/Senior Center**

To be better informed on election day August 8 come join your neighbors and meet the candidates. Mayoral candidates Steve Pierce, Lois Richardson, and Paul Schreiber and councilmember candidate Bill Nickels will be on hand to state their position and take questions.

More information will be sent out over the NPNA email News or you can contact NPNA Co-President Sean Stidd at 483-8301 for more information.



## THE POOL IS OPEN!

Hundreds of people have already taken advantage of the Rutherford Municipal Pool this season, right here in our own neighborhood at 975 N Congress. After some unexpected repairs, the season is now in full swing.

### 2006 Season Hours:

Monday through Friday

- Open Swim 1:00 to 5:00 pm
- Family Swim 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Lap Swim 6:30 am, 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday

- Lap Swim 12:00 to 1:00 pm
- Open Swim 1:00 to 5:00 pm
- Adult Lap Swim: 5:00 to 6:00 pm
- Family Swim 6:00 to 8:00 pm

### 2006 Rates

Family Annual Pass \$125

Individual Annual Pass \$60

Swim Lessons: First series of lessons \$50, next lessons \$45

Drop in rates:

Adults \$3.00 per session

Child (1-5pm) \$2.00 Child (6-8pm) \$1.50

There is also a gift card offered this year. The card can have up to 5 punches on it at a reduced rate. Children's gift card-\$8 and Adult gift card \$12. Perfect for out of town guests.

Swim Team is back as well as programming such as Water Polo, Teen Nite Tuesday, and Adult activity nights. The pool can also be reserved for private parties.

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Thorburn at 485-9457 or catabates@hotmail.com



## REC PARK UPDATE

Lisa Bashert and other participants at the community gardens have installed a Three Sisters Garden, just southeast of the Rec Park garden. This circular demonstration plot includes the three staples of Native American gardens, Corn, Beans and Squash.

NPNA board members continue to keep in touch with DPW about issues effecting Recreation Park. The basketball rims have been replaced with a new model, designed to withstand greater usage. However, it is tempting to hang on these orange rings and if you see any misuse, please contact the police or a NPNA board member immediately.

### THIRD ANNUAL CITY-WIDE PICNIC

On Saturday, August 26, Prospect Park will be filled with neighbors from all over our city. Everyone is invited to the third annual all-neighborhoods CoPAC picnic. This free community picnic is hosted by several neighborhood associations each year. Last year NPNA, Woods Road and Mid-Town co-hosted the picnic last year, in Recreation Park.

Prospect Park is on Prospect between Cross and Forest. Just show up between 12 noon and 3 pm, enjoy free food, fun and games and a chance to meet and greet friends and neighbors from throughout the City.

CoPAC is the Community Policing Action Council, and includes representatives from all of the neighborhood associations, the Ypsilanti Police Dept., Chamber of Commerce, EMU and more. If you are interested in being the representative or alternate to CoPAC from NPNA, please contact Rebecca Dunkle, rdunkle@umich.edu. See [www.ypsicopac.org](http://www.ypsicopac.org) for more information.

### SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER WISH LIST

Volunteer community fundraising and a generous grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation are helping to keep the Senior/Community Center open. You can help us stretch our budget further with a cash or in-kind donation.

Our Summer wish list: individual serving size bottled water, juice or sports drinks, especially for the Walking Club and exercise classes; white standard computer or printer paper; business size envelopes; liquid hand soap; toilet paper; disposable small salad bowls; gift cards or coupons from local office supply, fabric or crafts stores. Or shop online to donate books to our library through the used book dealer [www.alibris.com](http://www.alibris.com); select the "Donate-a-book Wish List" option and look for the Ypsilanti Senior Center.

### NEIGHBORHOOD YPSI PRIDE ACTIVITIES

Ypsilanti Pride continues to be an awesome, inspiring event in our community. It is so heartening to see teams of local residents spending their Saturday first to clean-up and care for our shared spaces, then to celebrate the power in volunteerism and community pride.

Normal Park had volunteers at Rutherford Pool, the Senior Center, The Senior Center Rose Garden and patio garden, Recreation Park and the Community Garden, Hefley Park, West Middle School Garden and the area schools. The end caps on Wallace and Westmoorland are looking their best in a few years, with help from many new and continuing volunteer gardeners. All this hard work is so important to making our neighborhood and our city an enjoyable, safe, and inviting place.

Thanks to everyone who chipped in. If you were unable to participate that day, the NPNA is always looking for volunteers, whether for special projects and event planning or regular garden upkeep. Feel free to contact one of the board members (numbers listed on back of newsletter) or just gather trash or weeds while you are out walking.

### NPNA YARD SALE A GREAT SUCCESS

More than 100 Normal Park families signed up to participate in the annual NPNA yard sale on June 3. The modest registration fee of \$10 per household covered the cost of ads, signs and yard sale maps, and serves as the main source of funds for NPNA. Throughout the year, NPNA is able to contribute to community activities and efforts which benefit the neighborhood and the greater Ypsilanti community. Contributions have supported the purchase of flowers and plants for Ypsi Pride Day, the annual ice cream social, the Senior Center, the Rutherford Pool, the Ypsilanti Health Coalition's bike rack project, the Ypsilanti Home Tour and much more.

Neighbors who participate in the yard sale keep the proceeds from their own sales, and many also take this opportunity to support other efforts as well. Sales this year included benefits for the Ypsilanti Historical Museum and Archives, P.E.O. Scholarships for girls, SOS Community Services, UNICEF and more.

The Ypsilanti Area Jaycees held a special "after-sale" on Sunday this year at the Senior/Community Center. This allowed generous neighbors to donate their unsold goods, which were offered for sale to benefit the Senior Center. Thanks to the Jaycees for taking on and managing this heroic effort. They presented a check for \$1100 to help keep the Senior Center open at the June 20 City Council Meeting.

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### ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSLETTER

The NPNA newsletter reaches over 700 households in Ypsilanti. A business card sized ad is only \$30.00 per issue. Interested in advertising in the newsletter? Visit [normalpark.org](http://normalpark.org).

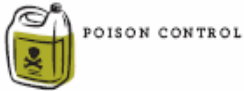
## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Ypsilanti Police Department  
Emergency: 911  
Non-Emergency: 734-483-9510



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Emergency: 911  
Or 1-800-222-1222



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6:00 to 7:30 pm

Meet Neighbors, Eat Ice Cream, Have Fun!  
In the Rose Garden by the Senior Center in  
Rec Park

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## NORMAL PARK HISTORY

In 1892 James N. Wallace bought the Normal Park Addition and the plat of the Normal Park Addition was recorded by Washtenaw County on December 3, 1892.

The western boundary is behind the houses on the west side of what was then the unnamed Wallace Boulevard. The northern boundary followed a property line along what was called the North Line of the French Claim which is the present day Westmoorland. The early French settlers did not use compass directions to draw property lines. They drew property lines parallel and perpendicular to geographic features. The original northern boundary of Normal Park was an eastward extension of the present day Westmoorland to what is now Cross Street and then was identified as a boulevard. The original plat of Normal Park excluded a rectangle that now includes Hiawatha. The eastern boundary did not include Elm Street north of Grant. Edith Hefley Park was then described as a Court. Elm did mark the eastern boundary from Pearl to Congress and Congress Street was the entire southern boundary.

The 1899 street guide does not mention Wallace Boulevard though it is mention in the 1912 street guide, the next available. Three residences are recorded in 1912. David Budd, a farmer, lived at 1 Wallace. The house still stands and is on the northwest corner of Wallace and Congress. Arthur Barton, an engineer, lived at 215 Wallace. This house is on the southwest corner of Sherman and Wallace. George Willard, travel agent, lived at 321 Wallace. This house now has a 1202 Westmoorland address but originally fronted Wallace. It is curious why the big white house on the southwest corner of Cross and Wallace was not listed in the 1912 street directory since it was built in 1910.

Sherman, Grant, and Pearl are first mentioned in the 1928 street guide. Pearl and Grant were both described as intersecting Wallace, while Sherman Street is described as ending at Wallace.

The archives of the Ypsilanti Historical Museum and Archives contain a wealth of community history including a year-by-year collection of street guides is part of their collection. Examining the street guides reveals when streets were opened and when houses were first occupied.

The Archives are open Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Closed holiday weekends. The Museum is open 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Closed holiday weekends. It is located at 220 N. Huron St. Call (734) 482-4990 for more information.



## HOMES FOR SALE/HOMES RECENTLY SOLD

The following homes are for sale in our neighborhood:

1221 S Congress	\$119,900
309 N Mansfield	\$149,900
966 W Cross	\$157,000
1215 Washtenaw	\$157,500
1304 N Congress	\$159,900
1120 Washtenaw	\$149,900
1226 Congress	\$159,900
1121 Grant	\$164,900
810 N Congress	\$164,900
1309 N Congress	\$164,900
481 Owendale	\$174,900
403 Courtland	\$176,500
765 N Mansfield	\$177,800
1237 Elbridge	\$179,900
473 N Mansfield	\$179,900
1215 Pearl	\$179,900
1129 S Congress	\$179,900
459 Anna	\$183,000
183 N Mansfield	\$183,900
205 Elm	\$189,900
314 Hiawatha	\$189,900
959 Sheridan	\$189,900
1106 Grant	\$190,000
1111 W Cross	\$199,900
552 Marion	\$199,900
1114 Grant	\$199,900
440 Marion	\$199,900
115 Oakwood	\$209,900
924 Pearl	\$214,000
916 Pearl	\$219,900
915 Sherman Ct	\$224,900
909 Pearl	\$224,900
907 Pleasant	\$229,900
1303 N Congress	\$229,900
1310 W Cross	\$234,000
211 Elm	\$234,900
1505 W Cross	\$235,900
913 Pleasant	\$245,000
1109 W Cross	\$249,900
920 Pearl	\$249,900
1307 Westmoorland	\$289,900
945 Sheridan	\$299,900

The following homes have sold recently:

1123 S Congress	\$160,000
93 Oakwood	\$186,400
1301 W Cross	\$189,000
1210 W Cross	\$199,000

**Sue Collins**, an NPNA resident and agent at Real Estate One provided the above information. Contact her at 483-6609 or 662-8600.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more additional information visit [www.normalpark.org](http://www.normalpark.org)

- **NPNA Candidates Forum** Jul 20  
Community Center, Rec Park, 7:00 pm
- **Summer Beer Fest** Jul 21 & 22  
Depot Town, 5:00 – 9:00 pm and 1:00 – 6:00 pm
- **NPNA Ice Cream Social** Aug 2  
Community Center, Rec Park, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- **Primary Elections** Aug 8  
Polls are open 7:00 am – 8:00 pm
- **Heritage Festival** Aug 18 - 20  
Riverside Park
- **Heritage Festival Parade** Aug 19  
Michigan Ave, 10:00 am
- **City Wide Community Picnic** Aug 26  
Prospect Park, 12:00 – 3:00 pm
- **Fire Truck Muster** Aug 30  
Riverside Park, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Jammin' Michigan Ave** to Sep 1  
Friday Evenings at Washington and Michigan, 7:00 pm
- **Depot Town Cruise Nights** to Sep 14  
Thursday Evenings in Depot Town, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

## SUPPORT THE NPNA

Dues are one of the NPNA's main sources of funding. They are not required but they do help our neighborhood pay for projects like Recreation Park improvements. Dues are \$10.00 per household and anyone who contributes \$40.00 or more receives a NPNA coffee mug. Payment of cash or check made to NPNA can be given to any of the board members.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WEB SITE AND EMAIL NEWS

Keep up to date on the latest information and events happening in our neighborhood and city. Visit our website at [normalpark.org](http://normalpark.org). While there sign up for the NPNA Email News. To sign up send your email address to [listserv@normalpark.org](mailto:listserv@normalpark.org).

If you have news items of your own that you would like to send to the neighborhood, email [npna@umich.edu](mailto:npna@umich.edu). The website also has an extensive list of links to city, community and businesses.

## 2005 BOARD MEMBERS/CHAIRPERSONS

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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 a board member.