

Ypsilanti Housing Commission December Newsletter

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Happy Holidays !

We would like to wish everyone a warm and happy holidays! Please be sure to check out the newsletter and flyers around the offices as there is a full month of festive celebrations ahead. Please contact your FEP site coordinator for any questions about the upcoming events.

Project Decoded

Project decoded is back for its second cohort of participants. Project Decoded is an 8-week program that allows boys ages 12-19 to learn coding fundamentals, video game design, and much more. There is an information meeting on December 14th at Hamilton Crossing to discuss more information.

Strong Future Resident Council

The next Strong Future Resident Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 @ 5:00 PM at Hollow Creek.



Gift Distributions: Only parents should attend

Sauk Trail Pointe

(Strong Residents Only)

- December 18th, 2:00 PM

New Parkridge

- December 20th, 2 PM

Hollow Creek

(Strong Future Residents Only)

- December 19th, 1 PM

Hamilton Crossing

- December 16th
- (Please contact FEP site Coordinator for time)

Holiday Celebrations: ALL EVENTS OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS

Winter Wonderland Series:

Location: New Parkridge (All Residents are Welcome.)

- December 18th, 19th, and 20th from 4:30–6:30 pm, will include crafts, activities, and snacks
- December 21st Lunch @ NP from 11–12:30 pm,

Sauk Trail Pointe: Winter Dinner

- December 21st, from 5–7 pm

Advance YPSI

Advance Ypsi is a program that will give high school students and adults in the Ypsilanti community an opportunity to obtain an education and training for high-wage, high-demand jobs to fill employer talent needs at a minimum cost. Participants in Advance Ypsi will have the opportunity to be educated in WCC mobility-focused manufacturing, automotive, and IT certificate programs and receive career preparation through industry partners.

For more information on Advance Ypsi, contact: advanceypsi@wccnet.edu or call: (734) 477-8764

My Future Fund - \$500 Savings account

My Future Fund is a new program for all 2nd-6th grade students who attend a participating Washtenaw County public school. All eligible students will receive an account with free money to jump start their savings for college and career training.

The program will also include free financial education and planning support. All eligible students will receive a \$25 deposit to start their account. Some students may qualify for an extra \$475 based on their family income.

Afterschool Tutoring - New Parkridge

Tutoring will be provided at New Parkridge on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM (All parents must register their children by completing a form by either stopping by the NP office and/or contacting me by phone: (734) 787-2412 and/or email: chughban@emich.edu)

The week of December 18th, 19th, and 20th New Parkridge Tutoring will be canceled

MSU Cooking Classes

The MSU Extension Cooking Class is returning to Ypsilanti Housing Properties and will be hosted at the Sauk Trail site starting Monday, January 22nd, 2024 @ 6:00 PM. **Registration is required. through the MSU Extension Program.**

Financial Empowerment Center

The Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) offers professional, one-on-one financial counseling as a free public service to enable Washtenaw County residents to address their financial challenges, needs, and plan for their futures.

Scan QR code below for more information:



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:

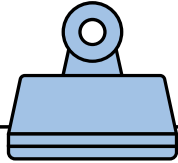
- Lamar Thomas, Resident Services Coordinator, (734) 787-2609

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

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

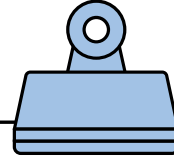
***Please note as a reminder that the Family Empowerment Program works to assist residents with their housing needs, crisis situations, and community building. All and any case management is confidential unless the resident has a signed release of information form stating the information discussed may 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.**

December 2023 Food Pantry Calendar



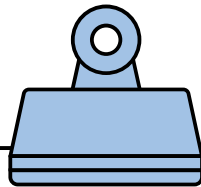
Sauk Trail

December 11th, 11 am - 1 pm
(Second Food Pantry Date TBD)



Towner

December 6th, 1:30 pm - 3 pm
December 20th, 10 am - 12 pm



Hollow Creek

December 5th, 1:30 pm - 3 pm



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Eligibility Requirements

To be a part of the Advance Ypsi initiative, individuals must be either



An adult who resides in 48197 or 48198 zip codes

or



A student enrolled at any high school and lives in 48197 or 48198 zip codes

Advance Ypsi Program Benefits

Students who participate in Advance Ypsi will receive benefits to include, but not limited to:

- Support to determine career interests and goals as well as well exploration.
- Dedicated advisor and coach to support life issues that might arise and eliminate barriers to success.
- Expanded career opportunities through shadowing and engagement with local employers.
- Assistance with job applications, resumes and interviews.
- Potential paid internships, apprenticeships and job shadowing.
- Financial support for tuition, fees and equipment needed to be successful in the classroom and on the job.

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TYPES OF
CAREERS

OVER 7K

JOBS
OPENING

\$40K -\$60K

WAGE
RANGES



Cost and Available Financial Aid

Students enrolled in one of the Advance Ypsi programs, will be charged the per credit hour, in-district rate. For the 2023-2024 academic year, this cost is \$99 per credit hour.

To cover this cost, students are advised to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>.

In addition, there are a variety of scholarships available www.wccnet.edu/afford/financial-aid/scholarships/ to help you finance your education and reach your career goals. Free in-district tuition is available with the Michigan Reconnect Scholarship for eligible adults 25 and over to attend college.

Visit the website www.michigan.gov/reconnect/community-college/apply for eligibility requirements, steps to complete to determine eligibility, and for Reconnect Information Sessions.



Eligible Academic Programs

To participate in Advance Ypsi, individuals must enroll in one of the following short-term certificate programs:

- Welding and Fabrication Principles Certificate (CTWLDS)
- Automotive Services Technician Certificate (CTASVT)
- Robotics Technician (CTROBT)
- Automation Specialist – Advance Certificate
- Auto Body Repair Certification (CTAUBR)
- Computer Systems Technology (CTCSTC)
- Computer Networking Academy Certificate (CVCNAC) – Advance Certificate
- Automotive Cybersecurity Certificate (CTACYB)

Express your interest

For more information on Advance Ypsi, contact: advanceypsi@wccnet.edu, (734) 477-8764, or scan this QR Code and complete the interest form.



Washtenaw Community College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, Illinois 60604-1411; 800-621-7440; ncahlc.org. Contact 734-973-3300 for information about Washtenaw Community College. © Washtenaw Community College.

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Title II Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act Compliance Statement

The Student-Right-to-Know and The Crime Awareness & Campus Security Act of 1990 (also known as the Clery Act) requires institutions to disclose information about graduation rates, crime statistics, and security information to current and prospective students. Individuals interested in obtaining this type of information should contact the Dean of Students office at 734-973-3328.



IT'S HERE!

My Future Fund

Providing a jump start for students and families as they plan and save for college and career training.

Washtenaw Intermediate School District administers the My Future Fund program in collaboration with Washtenaw County Government. The money in My Future Fund Accounts will be held on behalf of students by the Michigan Education Savings Program and managed by TIAA-CREF Tuition Financing, Inc.



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How do I get a FREE account?

Accounts will automatically be activated for most students throughout the year. Look for more information and a login registration code when your child's account is ready.

Families who want to opt out of the program must complete an opt-out form.

Do I need to share my child's social security number?

No. You do not need to provide a social security number or tax identification number.

What do I need to do?

To access the full benefits of the program, a parent or guardian should complete the short **Release of Information Form** to:

- Allow My Future Fund staff to check if your student qualifies for the extra \$475 deposit, based on family income.
- Receive information about upcoming opportunities and resources.
- Activate My Future Fund account if your student is on your district/school's directory information opt out list.

Find the form online or by contacting the program.



How can we use My Future Fund dollars?

After high school, My Future Fund dollars can be used for a variety of education expenses such as tuition, certain room and board expenses, fees, and the cost of books, supplies and equipment (including computers, internet access fees, software or printers) needed as part of the program at an eligible educational institution.

Scan to learn more:



Strong Future
Resident
Council

MEETING INVITATION

Tuesday

December 5th

6pm

Hollow Creek

118-124 S Grove St

Ypsilanti Mi, 48198



Winter Wonder Workshops!

Join us all week for a series of fun, family-friendly events the week of December 18th. Every day will feature a new activity/craft, snacks, and fun for all ages. Get a raffle ticket for each session you attend!

Monday, December 18th, 4:30–6:30pm

Tuesday, December 19th, 4:30–6:30pm

Wednesday December 20th, 4:30–6:30pm

@ New Parkridge, 831 Hilyard Robinson Way





PROJECT DECODED

DECEMBER 14TH @ 5PM
HAMILTON CROSSING
596 S. HAMILTON STREET

SERGIO HERNANDEZ
(734) 787-0606
SHERNAN7@EMICH.EDU





Healthy Choices for Every Body

Cooking & Nutrition Class

for adults providing food for children

DATE & TIME:

March 4th - April 8th
Mondays
6—7:30 pm

LOCATION:

New Parkridge Apartments
(Community Room)
831 Hilyard Robinson Way
Ypsilanti

COST:

Offered at no cost
Pre-Registration Required

To register call:

517-264-5312
Or scan QR code



<https://bit.ly/46GgwKV>

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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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Healthy Choices for Every Body encourages parents to learn to cook and eat healthy on a budget. Participants will try some delicious recipes all while using some great money-saving tips!

Topics Include:

- How to prepare simple, healthy and affordable family friendly meals
- Keeping your food safe
- How to read and use food labels
- Added sugars
- Reducing sodium
- The importance of whole grains

*Participants that complete all graduation requirements will be able to select one of the following as a graduation gift. ***please note: exact model may vary depending on product availability at time of graduation.****

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

1. Electric Skillet
2. Rice Cooker
3. Slow Cooker
4. Utensil Set
5. Pizza Stone

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5.





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