

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

December

COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION TEAM

A Note From The Director

Since the summer of 2021, the Ypsilanti Housing Commission has been actively working with the Community Violence Intervention Team (CVIT) with a singular focus: ending street-level violence in Washtenaw County and saving the lives of our young people. Our group developed 14 recommendations that, if implemented, can achieve this goal.

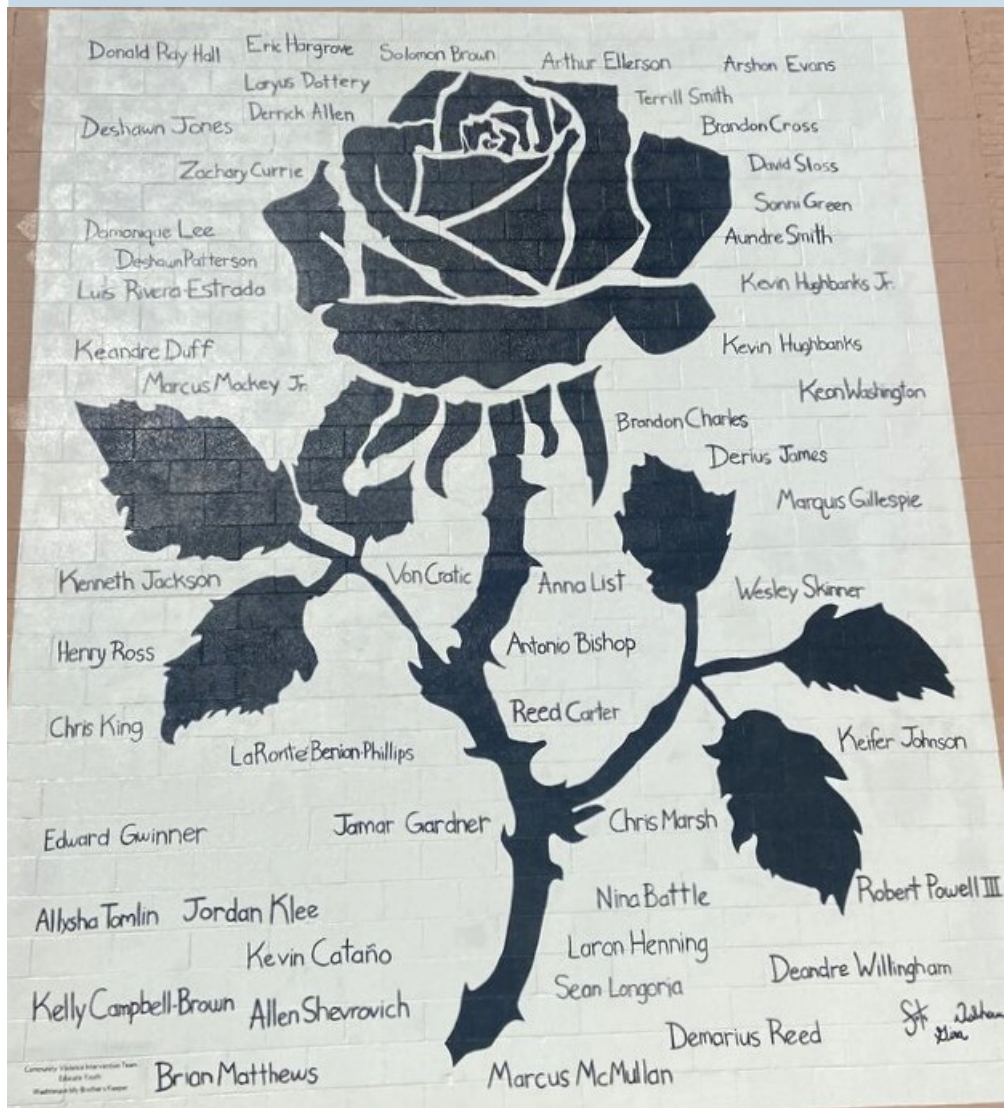
One of those recommendations was to create a mural of remembrance and safe space for those directly impacted by violence to grieve. This allows us to begin the healing process, release the pain of loss, allow our community to grieve, unify those perpetuating violence, honor those lost, call attention to the issue of violence, and share the reality of violence in our community.

I am proud to say that our Grieving Wall Mural Project (pictured below) was unveiled this month. It can be found in Downtown Ypsilanti on the side of the Corner Health building. You can find more information about the work of the CVIT at:

<https://www.washtenawmbk.org>.

The holiday season is upon us, and I wish everyone a warm and happy holiday. In addition, I want to reassure all residents that the YHC & Family Empowerment Program is here to support you all. Please review the FEP refresh section on the following page and connect with the FEP staff in your community.

In service,
Zac Fosler
Executive Director



FEP REFRESH

➡ 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 3 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
- Yvette Pruitt, Resident Services Coordinator, (734) 787-0606

Additional Questions ?

If you have additional questions or you are unsure if FEP can assist you, please contact:

- Mark Hammond, FEP Director, (734) 787-0290



RESIDENT COUNCIL

The YHC will be distributing Resident Council packets to all residents. These packets will include information about the resident council, the role of residents, and the board members. We want to encourage all residents to participate as this is an opportunity to be a leader, advocate for resources for your community, and help your family and neighbors enjoy a higher quality of life. The YHC will post dates at each site when dates for the election process are set.

Tenant's Right to Organizer under HUD

§ 245.100 Right of tenants to organize: "The tenants of a multifamily housing project covered under § 245.10 have the right to establish and operate a tenant organization for the purpose of addressing issues related to their living environment, which includes the terms and conditions of their tenancy as well as activities related to housing and community development."

§ 964.100 Role of resident council: "The role of a resident council is to improve the quality of life and resident satisfaction and participate in self-help initiatives to enable residents to create a positive living environment for families living in public housing. Resident councils may actively participate through a working partnership with the Housing Authority (HA) to advise and assist in all aspects of public housing operations."

Resident Council Membership requirements

Membership in the organization shall include any person whose name appears on the lease of a unit in the public housing developments represented by the organization who is at least eighteen (18) years of age or head of the household.

The participation of members of the organization is crucial for its success. Members can take part in decision-making in many ways. The democratic election of the organization's directors is an important responsibility of the members.

Benefits of Resident Council to Residents

- RC makes a stronger and safer Community to live.
- RC makes decisions that affect you.
- RC serves as a Voice of the residents.
- RC represents the interest of all residents.
- RC can link the resident to other resources around the community.
- RC provides a means in which tenants concerns can be prioritized and addressed.
- RC can address concerns for residents with the YHC staff.
- RC helps to educate and inform residents of grievances and other issues or projects on property to keep residents up to date on that process.
- RC provides a place where issues can be discussed, and information distributed.
- RC provides a way to organize projects and programs.
- RC serves as a communication link to advocate the issues and concerns of residents.
- RC support and promote programs and services, including applying for and receiving grants.
- RC help builds a positive relationship with the YHC, business, churches and other community organizations.

DECEMBER CALENDER

Monday, December 5th

Bingo: Hamilton Crossing
2pm - 3pm

Tuesday, December 6th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm
Food Pantry: Hollow Creek
2pm - 4pm

Wednesday, December 7th

Food Pantry: Towner
2pm - 4pm

Thursday, December 8th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm

Monday, December 12th

Bingo: Hamilton Crossing
2pm - 3pm

Food Pantry: Sauk Trail
12:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday, December 13th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm

Thursday, December 15th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm

Monday, December 19th

Bingo: Hamilton Crossing
2pm - 3pm

Tuesday, December 20th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm

Thursday, December 22nd

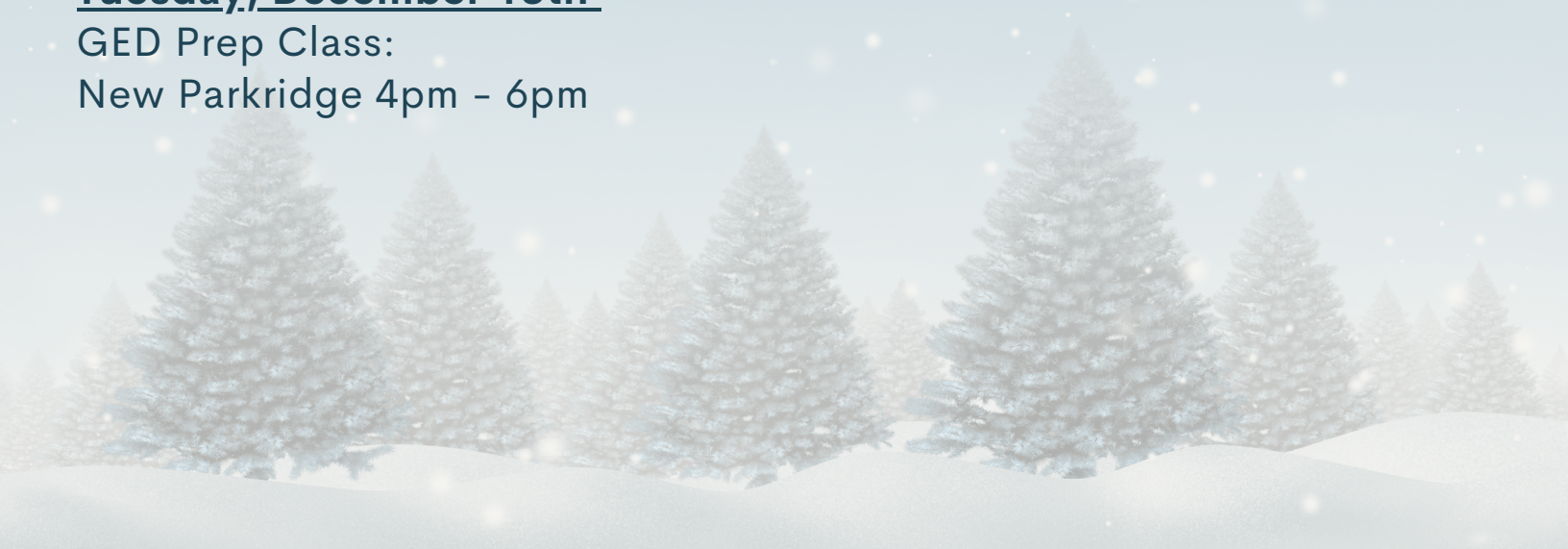
GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm

Tuesday, December 27th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm

Thursday, December 29th

GED Prep Class:
New Parkridge 4pm - 6pm



Apply online by
Dec. 20th!

Waitlist applications are being accepted for 1, 2, 3, & 4-bedroom rent-subsidized apartments located at New Parkridge and Deborah Strong Housing in the City of Ypsilanti.



New Parkridge

Units: 1BD, 2BD, 3BD
(734) 961-7453

Scan QR code
or visit site below to apply

<https://waitlist.kmgprestige.com/Newparkridge>



Strong Future Homes

Units: 1BD, 2BD, 3BD, 4BD
(734) 547-5117

Scan QR code
or visit site below to apply

<https://waitlist.kmgprestige.com/Strongfuture>



Looking for Affordable Housing?

→ The waitlist application is only available online, and fees are never charged to apply. Applicants must keep their receipt upon completion. Income eligibility is not assessed and no documentation is needed to apply for the waitlist.

→ The waitlist is based on a lottery system so that everyone who applies for the waitlist has an equal chance of being put on the waitlist no matter if they are the first or last to apply. **700 families will be selected to be on the waitlist for Strong Future & 385 families will be selected to be on the waitlist for New Parkridge**, via a randomly assigned lottery number. Applying for the waitlist does not guarantee someone to be placed on the waitlist. Once lottery numbers are assigned, applicants will be notified and served in order of lottery number.

Waitlist Application Dates:

Opens: Tuesday, December 6th,

12:00 am

Closes: Tuesday, December 20th,

11:59pm

Do you have COVID-19 & don't have access to treatment?



The Health Department can help.

Get **FREE** treatment by joining COVID Plan4Health right away after testing positive. It's free, easy, and can prevent you from getting really sick!

Treatment may be especially important for people at high risk, including those:

- 50+ years old
- Not very physically active
- Who smoke or used to smoke
- Who don't have insurance or access to regular medical care
- Not up-to-date on COVID vaccines (including a bivalent booster)
- Who are overweight or obese
- Who have conditions like asthma, cancer, or diabetes



Free at-home COVID tests also available through COVID Plan4Health!

Join COVID Plan4Health

covidplan4health.org/wchd

You can also call 734-544-2963
or email np@washtenaw.org

You can also join if you don't have COVID!

Plan ahead by joining now so you can get treatment later if you need it.

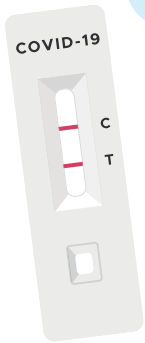
This program is meant for Washtenaw County residents who are at high risk for severe outcomes from COVID and who don't have a regular health care provider and/or insurance. Those who have a health care provider should go to them for treatment. COVID Plan4Health is a partnership between the Washtenaw County Health Department and CareEvolution.



If you're **50+ years old, not up-to-date on your COVID vaccines** (including a bivalent booster), or not very physically active, getting COVID could make you especially sick.*

Join COVID Plan4Health

to get **FREE tests and treatment!**



**Other things that can make you more likely to get very sick from COVID include being a current or former smoker, having conditions like asthma, cancer, or diabetes, and being overweight or obese. See a full list at covidplan4health.org/wchd*

If you don't have insurance or a doctor: join COVID Plan4Health now so if you get COVID later, you can quickly get treatment from the Health Department.

Joining is free and easy!



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FOOD PANTRIES FOR DECEMBER

Tuesday 12/6/2022 at Hollow Creek

130 S. Grove Street 2-4

Wednesday 12/7/2022 at Towner

713 Towner Street 2-4

Monday 12/12/2022 at Sauk Trail

928 W. Michigan Ave 12:30-3:30

**This is an equal opportunity food pantry,
Please let your friends and family know that they can
attend the pantries.**

WE ARE HIRING

ON THE SPOT INTERVIEWS FOR
FOOD SERVICE WORKERS, COOKS
& CUSTODIANS



MICHIGAN MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



JOIN US

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

TIME: 11 AM - 1 PM

LOCATION: MICHIGAN WORKS

304 HARRIET ST, YPSILANTI, MI 48197

TO LEARN MORE

GO TO:

CAREERS.UMICH.EDU

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

PLEASE CONTACT US AT:

TALENTTEAM@UMICH.EDU

IMPORTANT FRIENDLY REMINDERS

New Parkridge Apartments

831 Hilyard Robinson Way
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Phone: (734) 961-7453 & fax: 734-340-2167
parkridge@kmgprestige.com

With the upcoming holidays approaching New Parkridge would like to take an opportunity to remind all residents of some of the community rules to prevent lease violations that may affect your household's occupancy. These Rules and Regulations are incorporated into and made a part of the lease agreement entered into.

1. Landlord and its management company are empowered to enforce these rules and regulations. All rules and regulations shall be in effect at all times. Landlord shall have the right to change the rules and regulations after a thirty-day written notice to Resident if the change is required to protect the physical health, safety or peaceful enjoyment of the Resident and guests in the apartment community.
2. Nothing shall be done by the Resident, members of the Resident's household, Resident's guests or agents, to abuse the Management's agents or employees, including, but not limited to: assaulting, battering, unwanted touching, emotional harassment or excessive verbal abuse, or threats of assault, battery or harm.
3. Any actions of the Resident's guests which would constitute a violation of these Rules and Regulations had said actions been done by the Resident, shall constitute a violation of this lease by the Resident and may result in the termination of the Resident's tenancy.
4. Resident agrees to keep all utilities that they are responsible for, active and paid with the providing utility company at all times. Resident agrees to keep apartment heating on at all times, during the winter months at a level that will not allow water pipes to freeze, or above 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Resident agrees to promptly notify landlord if there is any disruption of any utility or heating system. Remember there are programs available to assist with outstanding utility bills to prevent shut-off.
5. 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. Late fees will go back into effect December 2022.
6. No resident, no member of Resident's household, or other person under Resident's control shall unlawfully manufacture, deliver, possess with intent to deliver, or shall possess or use a controlled substance on the premises. In the event of violation of this rule, to the extent permitted by law, tenancy shall be terminated in accordance with state law.
7. All vehicles must be registered with Management identifying the Owner of said vehicle, year, make and license plate number. All vehicles must be operable, registered and licensed. Management shall have the right to remove all inoperable or unregistered or unlicensed vehicles from the premises at Resident's expense and Resident must reimburse Management for all costs incurred in removing the said vehicle.



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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Cc: resident file

8. Resident shall, at all times, provide appropriate adult supervision of all minor children of the Resident's household, and of all Resident's guests who are minor children, whether said minor children are within the Resident's unit or in the common areas.
9. For the safety of all residents and guests, vehicles must be moved during winter months as instructed by site staff so that snow can be removed from all parking spaces and parking lot areas. The site manager and/or management agent will send out instructions on where and when your car s should be moved.
10. Motorcycles, trucks, commercial vehicles, trailers, mobile homes, recreational vehicles or boats shall not be parked in any parking space or carport at the apartment complex without Landlord's prior written approval. If any vehicle is parked in the parking space or carport contrary to the provisions hereof, Landlord shall have the right, among others, to have the vehicle towed away and stored in a lawful manner, at Resident's expense.
11. Nothing shall be done by the Resident in or about any building in the apartment community that will interfere with the rights, physical health, safety, peaceful enjoyment, comfort or convenience of other Residents. No musical instruments, radios, televisions or stereo systems shall be operated and no cooking equipment shall be utilized in a manner that is disturbing or annoying to other Residents, nor shall any Resident make any disturbing noises or create any annoying odors at any time. Residents shall keep the entry door to their premises closed except during ingress and egress from the premises.
12. No pets shall be permitted at the apartment complex except with Landlord's written consent, with the exception of persons living in Apartments designated specifically for Elderly households. Pets are permitted within the Pet Policy guidelines in designated Elderly apartments.
13. Resident shall be responsible for all damage to the premises, stairways, hallways, and any other part of the apartment community that may be caused by Resident, Resident's agent and/or Resident's guests, including damages caused by moving furniture or other bulky articles.
14. Resident shall not store any kerosene, gasoline or other inflammable or explosive materials at the premises or in any apartment building.
15. Resident shall not keep personal property of any kind on the lawns.
16. Resident shall only cook or bake in the kitchen of the premises or at the barbecue grills, if any, provided by Landlord. Residents may store a gas or electric barbeque grill on their balcony or terrace but the grill cannot be used on the balcony or terrace. Charcoal grills are never permitted. If resident wishes to use a gas/electric barbecue grill, the grill must be placed on the ground, no closer than twenty-five (25) feet from the building, fence enclosures or community building structures. After each use, the grill must be stored by the resident and not left on the grounds.
17. Only those persons listed as occupants in the Resident's application for tenancy shall be allowed to occupy the premises without Landlord's prior written permission. Overnight guests are welcome. However, any one guest is allowed to stay for a period of 14 consecutive or non-consecutive days in any 60-day period.
18. Residents must report changes to their household size or changes in total household income that exceed \$200 within 30 days of the change. Failure to report timely may result in repayment of subsidy to HUD and/or termination.
19. The giving of false statements by the Resident or its agents, upon which the Landlord has relied in determining whether to enter into this lease, will constitute a breach of this lease which may result in the termination of the Resident's tenancy.

Lastly, please be mindful there is no Lottering, gathering, loud music in the parking lots. Also, management is asking that you please pick-up all trash surrounding your home daily and pull your trash carts back into the bins by 9:00PM on the same day of pick-up. By adhering to these rules, we can work at becoming a lease-violation-free community.

Remember, it takes a village to have a great community to call home.

CONTACT US:

Family Empowerment Program (FEP) Services:

Please call a FEP staff member if you need assistance.

Director: Mark Hammond (734) 787-0290

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

Resident Cares Coordinator (55+): Sergio Hernandez (734) 757-5962

Resident Services Coordinator (Deborah Strong): Yvette Pruitt (734) 787-0606

Mental Health Resident Services Coordinator: Christa Hughbanks (734) 787-2412

Permanent Supportive Housing Coordinator: Melinda Miller (734) 787-0239

For property management questions or concerns, please contact:

Hamilton Crossing : (734) 484-1706

New Parkridge : (734) 961-7453

Deborah Strong Housing (including Sauk Trail Pointe, Hollow Creek, & Towner Apartments): (734) 547-5117

Ypsilanti Housing Commission

601 Armstrong Dr.

(734) 482-4300

Questions about this newsletter? Please email Deandre Webster, YHC Executive & Communications Assistant at dwebster@ypsilantihc.org