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Volunteer with ANC! We are now scheduling for summer and beyond! Contact Sam at 999-3919 for info.

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Health Enrollment Services at ANC

Allen Neighborhood Center can help you enroll in Ingham Health Plan, Ingham Health Dental, Medicaid, and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). Open enrollment for ACA is Nov. 1, 2016—Jan. 31, 2017. However, if you meet specific criteria, you may qualify for a special ACA enrollment period. You can enroll in Medicaid and Ingham Health Plan at any time.

Stop in Monday - Thursday 9am - 5pm to enroll or call Denise to make an appointment: 517-999-3924.

Who Licenses Your Food Business?
Fri. Jan. 20, 1-3pm, free
Licensing of ready-to-eat and packaged food products can be tricky!
You need to know how your product is categorized, who to get licensing from, and what steps you need to take. Here to help are Amy Thomas from the Ingham County Health Department and Pam Weaver of the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development. Register at: https://goo.gl/ck3hfQ
More Farmer & Food Business Workshops are on P.3.

Rent the AMP!
Event Space, Classroom, Kitchens
Planning a large meeting, celebration, or special event? Or, are you ready to move from a home-based business to a commercial food enterprise? Or, do you need of a well-equipped, comfortable conference room for a business meeting or an off-site retreat space for your organization? Continued on P.3.
GardenHouse Workshops
See links below to register. These workshops are held at the Hunter Park GardenHouse. For more info, contact Leah Kate McKenney at 517-999-3913, gardeningeducator@allenneighborhoodcenter.org

Seed Starting and Transplanting
Sat. Feb.4, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Learn helpful tips and tricks to grow successful vegetable plants from seed. Workshop led by Denae Friedheim of MSU Student Organic Farm. Please RSVP at https://goo.gl/bUO310

Planning Your Garden Year
Sat. Feb.11, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Plan the layout, crops, and planting schedule for your home garden. Workshop led by Rita O’Brien of Hunter Park GardenHouse. RSVP at https://goo.gl/TDDQ8j

Plant Therapy
Sat. Mar. 4, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Did you know plants can be used as a form of therapy? Learn more about which plants to use and incorporating them into your home garden. Workshop led by Lacey Ingrao of the Michigan Horticulture Therapy Association. RSVP at https://goo.gl/JD3ZMD

Soil Care
Sat. Mar. 18, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Create healthy soil for your backyard or community garden space. Workshop led by Brian Allnutt of Detroit Farm and Garden. RSVP at https://goo.gl/IkuYOL

Vermicomposting
Sat. Apr. 1, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Learn about vermicomposting and how to start your own outdoor worm composting bin at home. Workshop led by MSU graduate research assistant Brooke Comer and MSU horticulture student Mary Haven. RSVP at https://goo.gl/ufj4xx

Gardening 101
Sat. Apr. 15, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Are you new to gardening? Learn the basics and skills to become a successful gardener. Workshop led by mom and daughter pair Cindi McKenney and Leah Kate McKenney of Hunter Park GardenHouse. RSVP at https://goo.gl/KP5ljf

Container Gardening
Sat. Apr. 29, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Container gardening has become a popular form of flower, veggie, and herb gardening and is ideal for people with little outdoor space or who live in an urban setting. Workshop led by Leah Kate McKenney of Hunter Park GardenHouse. RSVP at https://goo.gl/UgDqLR

Plants and Their Pollinators
Sat. May 16, 12:30–2pm, $12 registration
Need more productivity out of your garden? Learn more about which plants attract pollinators. Workshop led by former MSU perennial garden manager Renata Reibitz. RSVP at https://goo.gl/MECDxc

For regular gardening tips, pictures, and event updates, follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/HunterParkGardenHouse

GardenHouse Summer CSA
Now enrolling!
The Hunter Park GardenHouse grows and sells produce through a multi-season CSA (community supported agriculture), providing access to sustainably grown veggies year round. We offer work-shares and accept SNAP & Double Up Food Bucks for payment. Members sign up at the beginning of a season and commit to purchasing for the full season.

Our Summer CSA runs 16 weeks, June 7–September 20.
Produce includes: salad mix, head lettuce, kale, collards, Swiss chard, carrots, tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, beets, cucumbers, summer squash, radishes, beans, basil, turnips, scallions, onions, potatoes, kohlrabi, garlic, herbs, and flowers! We also offer a variety of add-ons like eggs, bread, meats, coffee, cheese, etc., from local food producers!

For more details, visit: www.allenneighborhoodcenter.org/gardenhouse/csa
call: 517-999-3910

Paper applications available at the GardenHouse, and ANC office.

Youth Programs
Youth Service Corps (for 11–17) and Take Root (for 5–10) meet throughout the winter. For more info, contact Stephanie at: 517-999-3918 or youthprograms@allenneighborhoodcenter.org
Allen Farmers Market
Every Wednesday 3-6:30pm
Inside the Allen Market Place
(1629 E. Kalamazoo)

The market continues its indoor season through May 10, featuring the best local vegetables, fruits, baked goods, hot coffee, cheeses, meats, and more!

In addition to fantastic food, we have guests, fun activities, and live music at each market for your family to enjoy. Come learn about health and wellness, nutrition, housing, and more from guests like Blue Cross Complete, Capital Area Housing Partnership, and the Ingham County Health Department.

Remember to visit our Market Bank to use your credit/debit card or SNAP/EBT card (plus Double Up Food Bucks). If you have Hoophouses for Health vouchers, you can visit Stone E River Ranch or Hillcrest Farms for delicious poultry or veggies.

Veggie Box
Sign up for a subscription to local, sustainable veggies!

Each week this summer, you can receive a box of fresh, locally sourced vegetables and fruits, with optional add-on items of bread, eggs, meat, coffee, fruit pies, cheese, etc.

Individuals pick up at the Allen Market Place on Thursdays from 12-6pm, and worksites can join the program if at least 5 employees participate, in which case, boxes are delivered to the worksite on Thursdays between 3–5 pm.

All food is sourced from a variety of mid-Michigan farmers & food producers!

We offer flexible payment options including: lump sum, weekly SNAP payments, and installment plans. Enroll by May 25 for the 20-week Summer session of Veggie Box. For more info, contact John at 517-999-3923, exchange allenneighborhoodcenter.org

Rent the AMP (continued)
The AMP comes equipped with the Great Room (capacity is 100 for a sit-down dinner or 200 for a large mix and mingle event), two fully-equipped incubator kitchens with dry and cold storage, and our Conference/Classroom with Smart TV, whiteboards, and phone. Catering referrals happily provided. We offer affordable rates, and much more. Call Joan at 517-999-3912.

Farmer & Food Business Workshops continued

GroupGAP Informational Session
Fri. Feb. 3, 1-3pm, Free
Interested in becoming GAP certified? Learn more about the Group-GAP program with an informational session led by Phil Britton of Cherry Capital Foods. The program is geared toward small- and mid-sized farmers working as a group to learn and practice industry-recognized food safety practices. Register at https://goo.gl/to680y

Understanding Institutional and Wholesale Markets: Products and Pricing
Fri. Feb. 10, 1-3pm, Free
Institutional and wholesale markets can be a key component of a successful farm business. From farmers’ experiences and information about their sales, learn about which products are in demand from institutional and wholesale buyers and how to price them. Workshop coordinated by Colleen Matts, Farm to Institution Specialist with MSU Center for Regional Food Systems, with Erin Caudell, Hoophouse Outreach Specialist and Owner of Local Grocer & Flint Ingredient Company and others. Register at https://goo.gl/NrZ0el

Developing a Farm Safety Plan
Fri. Feb. 24, 1-3pm, Free
Join us as farm food safety expert Phil Tocco of MSU Extension, explains food safety concerns for farmers. Learn how to identify potential hazards and create a food safety plan. Register at https://goo.gl/1BeMSY

Financial & Accounting for Food Businesses
Fri. March 3, 1-3pm, Free
Designed with a focus on food businesses, this introductory session helps with the basics of financial management including simple accounting systems and how to apply the information from financial statements to help you manage your business. Tips on what to keep track of, how to price your product, and what taxes you are responsible for will be covered. Workshop led by Tom Donaldson of LCC Small Business Development Center. Register at https://goo.gl/iSrYt
Organized Neighborhood Group Meeting Schedule

ABC: Association for the Bingham Community (ABC) will meet on Monday March 6 at 5:30 pm in Pilgrim Church 125 S. Penn. If you have any questions about ABC, please contact Denise Kelley at 484-9109, or abcneighborhood@abcglobal.net, or check out our Facebook page, ABC Neighborhood, for updates.

ANC Board of Directors: Meets the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 pm at Allen Neighborhood Center.

Eastfield: Please call 989-415-2822 for more information.

Eastside Neighborhood Org (ENO): The Eastside Neighborhood Organization (ENO) meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month (except July) at 7 pm in Room 210 at Foster Community Center. Our winter meeting dates: Feb. 1, Mar. 1, and Apr. 5 (Executive Board elections are held at this meeting). Presentations are not set at this time but feel free to join our Facebook group, Eastside Neighborhood Organization, and our website, enonline.org, for up-to-date info.

The ENO 37th Annual Spring Souper is Saturday, Mar. 4, 2017, 4–6:30 pm at Pattengill Academy at 626 Marshall St Lansing. Tickets are $5 per person, $3 for children under 14, and for $18 families of 4 or more. You can enjoy wonderful soups of all types, yummy desserts, and much more served up by local celebrity servers. It is a great way to warm up on a cold March Saturday. To donate food items, please contact Cheryl Risner at ducati417@yahoo.com.

Frog Holler Neighborhood Watch: Contact slovinss@gmail.com for more information.

Holmes St. School Community: The Holmes Street School Community Association is now having quarterly meetings. We found that small group meetings for projects and issues of interest work best for our neighborhood. Our next quarterly meeting will be Mar. 9th at 6:30 pm. We meet at the Allen Neighborhood Center. Check out our Facebook Page Holmesstreetschoolcommunity Email Marybethvanhorn@gmail.com for additional information.

Northtown: Meetings are held the last Tuesday of the month at the Grand River Head Start (1007 E. Grand River Ave.) at 6:30 pm.

PLACE: For info, contact Katie Watkins katelynnwatkins@gmail.com or Jesse Kasper jessetkaspr@gmail.com. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month (starting in March) at 6:30 pm at ANC. Facebook: www.facebook.com/PLACEneighborhood or on line at PLACE nextdoor: www.placemi.nextdoor.com

Potter - Walsh Park Assn.: Will meet on Feb 13, March 13, and April 10. All meetings are from 6:20 – 7:20 pm and are held at 1001 Dakin.

Prospect - Place: Please contact Teresa at tlvakp@gmail.com for more information.

Senior Discovery Group
Join us every Wednesday 10 am – Noon for pretty good coffee and great conversation

Each weekly gathering (open to all ages!) features a guest speaker. Check out these presenters:

Jan. 18 – Jody Washington
Jan. 25 – Heather Vaughn Southard, Happendence
Feb. 1 – International Speaker
Feb. 8 – Jane Reiter, Artist
Feb. 15 – Joseph Garcia, Cristo Rey
Feb. 22 – Joel Hoepfner, CEI
Mar. 1 – International Speaker
Mar. 8 – Alan Bloomfield, Musician
Mar. 15 – Larry Grundt, Keys to Creativity
Mar. 22 – Linda Vail, Opioid Epidemic
Mar. 29 – TBA
Apr. 5 – International Speaker
Apr. 12, 19, 26 – TBA

For more information, call 367-2468.

BreadBasket Pantry
Did you know that on Tuesdays, from 1 – 5 pm, Allen Neighborhood Center has a food pantry for Eastsiders? There are no restrictions or qualifications for participation. Stop by to receive bread, sweets, and produce!

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For generous grant awards, we thank BWL, Capital Region Community Foundation, Consumers Energy Foundation, Granger Foundations, Ingham County Health Department, LACTF, LEAP, and Pentecost Foundation.

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Warm thanks to the 75 generous supporters who purchased tickets to our farm-to-table feast as well as vendors in our Farmers Market for food donations!

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