



The Eastside Neighbor

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News from Allen Neighborhood Center, in partnership with Prospect PLACE Neighborhood

Position Opening: ANC will be hiring an AmeriCorps VISTA to work with us on fundraising and on developing training materials for interns and volunteers. For more info, check out our website (above) or call Joe at 517-999-3920.

Cottage Lane Annual Open House: Stop by Cottage Lane on Sat., June 27, between Noon and 4pm at 134 Leslie St. to check out the two newest cottages built by Dave Muylle. For further information, call Denise at 517-999-3924.

2020 Census
Have you completed your 2020 Census yet? Take 10 minutes to support your community for the next ten years. File online at 2020Census.gov or by phone at 844-330-2020. Another option is to stop by our office, M-Th, 9-3PM, and we will help you. Census will never ask for your full social security number, bank account info, or for money or donations.

Market Walk 2020
Every Tues and Thurs, 5:00-7:00 PM
Hunter Park, 1400 E Kalamazoo

Market Walk participants accumulate laps on the Hunter Park path to earn tokens to use at the Allen Farmers Market. This program is our two-fer – encouraging exercise *and* good eating! To join, show up sometime during scheduled hours, fill out a form, and start walking. Humans of all ages welcome as well as well-behaved dogs on a 6 foot leash.

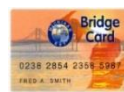
Allen Farmers Market
Every Wednesday, 2:30-7:00 PM
2100 E Michigan Ave

With construction of ANC's Allen Place pending, the Farmers Market is being held in a temporary location now through September on the 2100 block of E Michigan. (*Thank You Spadafore Distributing!*)

Local vendors continue to sell produce, eggs, meat, cheese, coffee, bread/pastries, herbs, kombucha, and more. Prepared food is available from ANC favorites like Teff-Rific, Picnic Food Truck, and Tantay.

Credit, debit, and EBT/SNAP cards can be used by swiping at the Market Bank. Vendors continue to accept cash. *Masks and social distancing are in effect, please!*

Did you know? Your EBT benefits are worth double at the market! Swipe for \$10 and receive \$20 to spend; swipe for \$20 and receive \$40!



Hunter Park GardenHouse
Due to social distancing guidelines, in-person GardenHouse classes will remain suspended for the rest of the summer. Alternatively, some workshops will be held online over Zoom. Follow us on social media or contact Egypt at 517-999-3910 for more information.

ANC Edible Park is open! Stop by Hunter Park, the area north of the GardenHouse, anytime to pick some fruit, or harvest produce as needed.

Outreach
Mon. – Thurs, 9:00-3:00 PM
Outreach Office, 1611 E Kalamazoo

The ANC Outreach Office is open! Come by M-Th, 9-3 PM, or Friday by appointment, for assistance in enrolling in health insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, ACA, Ingham Health Plan); figuring out unemployment; looking up your stimulus check; or to use the public phone or computer. ANC Outreach is here to answer questions or point you in the right direction pertaining to housing, food, legal help, or financial resources during COVID-19.

ANC Kitchen News
ANC's Kitchen continues to offer takeout meals each week. Check out allenmarketplaceonline.org to place orders for meals and other products! View our social media or call 517-999-3921 for the week's offerings.

The ANC Incubator Kitchen remains open for rentals. Looking for a space to film cooking or nutrition classes? ANC offers a fully-equipped, licensed kitchen at competitive rates. Contact Lindsay at 517-999-3921 or kitchens@allenneighborhoodcenter.org for inquiries.

Breadbasket
Mondays, 1:00-5:00 PM
North Entrance, 1629 E Kalamazoo

Breadbasket Food Pantry provides gleaned produce, bread and sweets to our neighbors each week. Come in the morning to get a number, then come back for distribution. This is a contact free pantry.



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ProspectPLACE Neighborhood

is currently holding our

monthly meetings online via Zoom. Upcoming meetings are on Monday, (06/16) at 6:30pm, Monday, (07/20) at 6:30pm, and Monday, (08/17) at 6:30pm. An email will be sent prior to each meeting with a link to join. You do not need to have a Zoom account to attend. Info will also be posted on our Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/ProspectPLACENeighborhood).



Do you know a neighbor not receiving neighborhood emails? Send their name, email address, phone number (optional) and street address to prospectplaceneighborhood@gmail.com.

BUS SHELTER: CATA and the City of Lansing awarded Prospect PLACE Neighborhood a grant to install a new placemaking bus stop at Hunter Park. To request the RFP, contact Jennie Grau at jennifer@grauic.com. Artist designs are due by 5pm July 10. Designs will be on the Prospect PLACE Facebook page the week of July 13 for you to vote. On July 20, 4-6pm there will be a Zoom meeting to reveal the winning design. Join at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83640055091?pwd=OTkQT2VmRjRjRVUz4Yzh0OXZqNWxiZz09>

DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR A TREE? BWL will plant trees in front of 5

neighborhood houses (between the sidewalk and street). The trees will be planted soon. If you are interested, please email prospectplaceneighborhood@gmail.com.

PEGASUS GARDEN: Socially distanced work continues in the garden located on Prospect between Clifford & Rosamond. Foot paths are marked with string. You can pull weeds, trim raspberries, plant things and tidy up ALL WHILE KEEPING 6 feet apart. Questions, contact Lori Weismantel at lori.weismantel@gmail.com. We could also use help with disposing of the concrete footing at the curb, reinforcing the benches along the sidewalk, and finding a new picnic table.

NEIGHBORHOOD LITTER: We can't meet to hold our typical litter pickup, but we know that neighbors are taking it upon themselves to clean up what they can as they walk the area. We encourage you to "post your photo of trash" at our Facebook page and know that we are all grateful for your efforts.

CENSUS: Please complete your Census form and put your tax dollars to work at home. As of now, 63% of Lansing has been counted. We are beating East Lansing! Do your part, and if you need help, Denise Paquette (517-999-3924) at ANC can assist.

FROM UNITY CHURCH: The City agreed to our zoning change and we have hired an architect, Roger Donaldson, to create plans which will we then send out to bid. It will take 6-8 weeks to create the plans, then another 4-6 weeks for the bid process. Then it depends on availability of contractors.

FREE LED BULBS: The BWL is offering bulbs by mail! All BWL residential electric customers are eligible whether they live in a house or apartment. Request your free bulbs today: call 800-573-3503 or visit lbwl.com/hometownhelp. This is a limited-time offer!

For Assistance Call 211. We're here to connect you with help of all kinds, like housing support to financial assistance. 2-1-1 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year in over 180 languages. Or visit www.mi211.org.

Michigan Department of Treasury and Student Loans The Michigan Department of Treasury announced that Michiganders who have student loans guaranteed by the state will be provided assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Collection activities on delinquent Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) student loans, made by a financial institution and serviced by the Michigan Guaranty Agency, will be halted until Sept. 30, 2020.