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# Greater Jackson Habitat & the City of Jackson Partner Together to Address Jackson's Affordable Housing Crisis

Contributed by Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity

The City of Jackson and Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity have partnered together to provide more affordable housing for Jackson residents. DeLand Pointe will be Greater Jackson Habitat's first neighborhood development. Located just south of downtown Jackson, DeLand Pointe will be the home to six families in Habitat's Homebuyer Program. The neighborhood will consist of six two-story homes adjacent to the new Jackson YMCA on the corners of W. Franklin Street, S. Mechanic Street, and W. Mason Street. Each family matched with a home will have completed federally certified financial counseling and 300 hours of sweat equity and will have established the means to purchase the home.



With this being a historic project, Greater Jackson Habitat has invited sponsors, companies, and volunteers from around the city to participate in a week-long Blitz Build to raise and enclose the first two houses. The event will kick off on August 16th, 2021, with a First Responders Day. Jackson City Police, Fire, Michigan State Police, and Henry Ford Allegiance Health staff will be charged with framing the 1st floors and preparing the construction of the 2nd floors. Other participating companies during the week include CertainTeed, Gerdau, and Jackson Area Association of

Realtors.

Sponsors of this project include Eaton, Jackson Community Foundation, Old National Bank, Tedders Family & Implant Dentistry, and True Community Credit Union.

**Road Closure & Parking Changes**

W. Franklin Street between S. Jackson Street and S. Mechanic Street will be closed from 7:00 AM – 4:30 PM August 16 – 20, with access only available for street residents and YMCA Food Drive patrons and Summer Campers members.

Greater Jackson Habitat will use the south-east portion of the YMCA's parking lot for the event. YMCA members may park in the City's parking lot across W. Wesley Avenue free of charge.

**About Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity**

Greater Jackson Habitat for Humanity is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seek to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. We are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally by constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes, advocating for fair and just housing policies, and providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Since 1989, the affiliate has built 61 houses and repaired 25 homes for those needing a safe place to call home.

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# Only a Few More Weeks of Camp at the YMCA

*By Bonnie Gretzner,  
Director of Marketing  
and Communications,  
Jackson YMCA*

Although summer is flying by, we have a few more weeks of Summer Day Camp at the Jackson YMCA. Upcoming trips include Cedar Point, the Jackson County Fair and more.

Each week more than 130 kids ages 4-14 have been spending their summer traveling around the county and state, visiting museums, lakes and zoos, and even traveling to Michigan's Adventure. Campers have also participated in fun learning activities such as art and STEM projects, and our youngest campers are learning their ABC's through stories and crafts.

"Along with the skills they have been learning, campers are benefitting in so many ways by spending the day with other campers and our Youth Development Leaders," said Megan

Hunt, the Executive Program Director for the Jackson YMCA. "Most things in camp require teamwork, and kids of all ages can learn how to work and interact better with others. These skills will serve them well in the future."


Camp runs through Aug. 20, and parents can sign their children up for one or multiple weeks. Financial assistance is available. Visit [www.jacksonymca.org](http://www.jacksonymca.org) for more information.

After-school activities: The new school year is fast approaching! Our Youth Development team is finalizing after-school activities for the 2021-2022 school year. Running until 6 pm Monday through Friday, the program will feature snacks, activities, gym games, arts & crafts, STEM activities and more.

Registration opens August 9. Save \$10 on your first week when you register online using promo code SCHOOL10.



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## Check Out Local Ice Cream Shops this Summer

*By Val Herr*

I think this is true for many of us, but as I get older time seems to go by faster. It feels like yesterday I was enjoying spring and now I'm blasted at every turn with Back 2 School. I'm well past that stage in my life but it still always says, "summer is almost over." I'm not ready. I'm not. I love every season well let's be honest I don't love winter, but I really do love the other three seasons. I hold on tightly to summer for as long as I can. Summer means, time on the lake, being outside and eating ice cream. Oh yes, I am a summer ice cream girl. Nothing says summer to me like a soft serve ice cream that is trying to melt faster than I can eat it. I pledge to spend quality time in August indulging. I am always on the lookout for a new place



to try and I encourage you to do the same. Most of these ice cream shops are only open a few months out of the year. They have to make their entire living off a few months. Let's be sure and help them out. Here are my top picks:

1. Cascades Ice Cream - located in Cascades Park at 1800 S. Brown St. My favorite item on their menu is a mini hot fudge ice cream cake. Yes, you read that correctly. If you are familiar with the one Big Boy sells, it's an amazing mini of that. It's still enough to share if you are so inclined.

2. Freddie's Freeze - located at 1431 Chicago Rd, Somerset Center. It may be a little outside of Jackson, but it is well worth the trip. They have the richest chocolate ice cream I have ever eaten. I'm a traditionalist so I get a twist. Bonus is a great day along some wonderful farmland.

3. Swiss Treat - located at 4005 Lansing

Ave. This wonderful place was the first time I learned about a Pup Cup and my dog's life has been forever changed. The Northwest staple has amazing versions of twists.

4. RJ's Heavenly Delights ice cream truck- this is a bucket list item that will be crossed off on August 7th at Ella Sharp Museums Art, Beer and Wine Festival. I follow RJ's on social media and their story touches my heart. If you haven't heard about them, check them out on the FB page and see their story. I have countless friends tell me this will be the best ice cream I've ever eaten.

Don't let our Michigan summer get by without trying some of our amazing local ice cream shops. Grab some ice cream, head to a local park and make amazing memories. In the spirit of loving your hometown, be sure and bring a trash bag and pick up any trash you find along the way.

## Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Sweet Boy & Nintendo

*Contributed by the*

*Jackson County Animal Shelter*

The Jackson County Animal Shelter has pets available for adoption!

### Sweet Boy

Sweet Boy has this cute name and basically, he tries to live up to that title. This 2 year old black lab mix is house trained, crate trained, gets along with other dogs, likes children and knows basic commands. Sweet Boy was owner surrendered, he is neutered and ready to be adopted. Come meet this gem today.

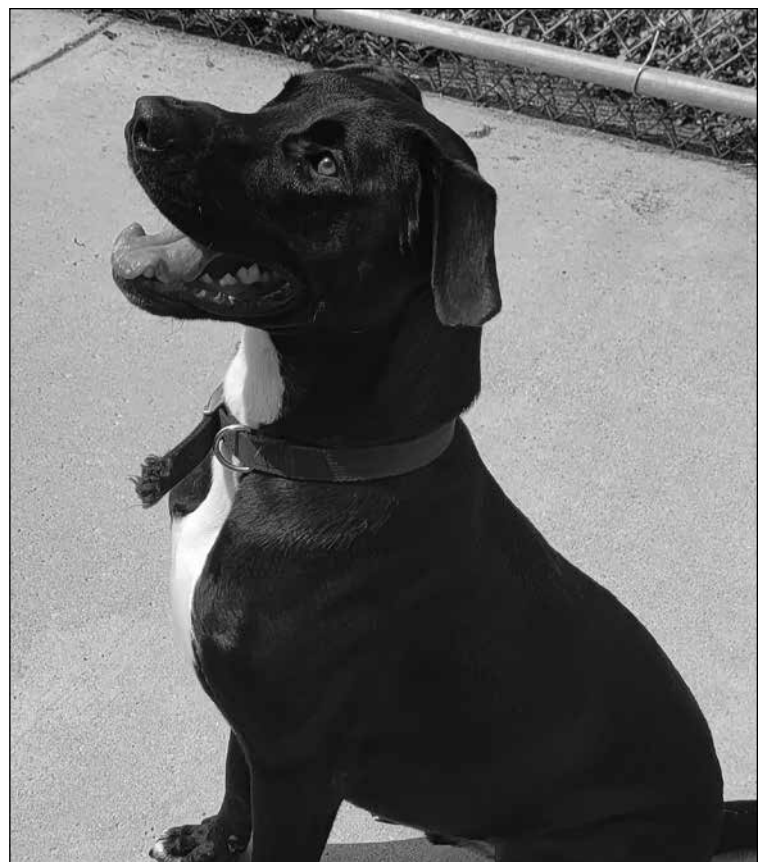
Dog adoptions require an application, online link <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8193/Dog-Adoption-Application-PDF>. Availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property; any necessary medical procedures may delay an adoption. A meet & greet with your dog is mandatory. A cat room walk-through is available to test reaction. Dogs will go to approved applicants; the adoption fee is

\$150 medium/large dogs, \$250 puppies/small dogs which includes vaccinations, microchip, and sterilization.

### Nintendo

Nintendo is the name, but video playing is not really his game. He is a one year old, male American Staffordshire mix. Nintendo is a reddish brown color and approximately 50 lbs. As a young dog, he has lots of energy and likes to play. He is not particularly fond of other dogs but is a people lover. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption.

Visiting the shelter is always best, but other resources include: Online applications can be faxed to: 517-780-4750 or email to: [animalshelter@mijackson.org](mailto:animalshelter@mijackson.org). See our website for more information at: [mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter](http://mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter). Come find us on Facebook or view all pets on [Petango.com](http://Petango.com) - Shelter Details Current Shelter Hours: M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.



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# Meeting the Need: Birth Brite Foster Closet

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Birth Brite Foster Closet*

Birth Brite Foster Closet is meeting a need that many people don't know exist. Foster closet is a new phrase for many. People often hear "foster closet" and immediately think that we lend out items to someone in need. Serving those in need is right, but the lending part is so far from the truth. Everything that we supply to foster children and families is theirs to keep.

Birth Brite is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in Jackson County. Birth Brite Foster Closet was specifically created to meet the immediate clothing and basic care needs for children in foster care. Our organization is committed to providing new and like-new items that have been donated to us. Current and stylish clothing, new underwear, toiletries, diapers, car seats, comfort care blankets and other essential items, are just some of the items we supply. Children often enter into foster care with very little or no personal items, and

in many cases, they come into the foster care system with only the clothes on their backs.

For the month of May in Jackson County there were 201 children in foster care, 404 complaints to centralized intake, 161 investigations, and 77 families in ongoing intervention to prevent removal. Birth Brite is here to serve families who are touched by foster care. There are lots of amazing community resources and more established organizations that are looking out for the best interest of local children, so you might ponder, why add one more? Our approach and perspective on how we can best serve is a little different from other organizations, which allows us to provide immediate assistance, without long complicated procedures.

The sisters behind the closet were both licensed foster parents in Jackson County. We are able to look at the needs of the foster community from the ground level. It's our own personal experiences and involve-

ment with youth in foster care that has driven us to take action. There are so many families that foster for less than a year due to lack of support. So much time and energy is put into becoming a licensed foster family. Families welcome a child into their home and work each day to meet that child's individual needs. Birth Brite's aim is to come alongside foster families as a resource and a show of community support. We want children and families to know, they are not alone on this journey.

Birth Brite is committed to all parties touched by foster care. The children, the parents, licensed foster parents, kinship/relative caregivers, and youth aging out of system. We provide items and support through Birth Brite Foster Closet and during special events. Supplying access to these items helps families reduce financial expenses and provides the opportunity to get much needed items to assist in taking care of the youth in their home. In ad-

dition, we also provide support to youth in foster care by ensuring their birthday is celebrated. The gift itself provides the opportunity for a positive birthday experience and more importantly it reaffirms that they are valued, worthy and cared for. Birth Brite wouldn't exist

without the generous support of our community. All of your support is making a direct impact in the lives of local children and foster families.

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# “People for the Parks & Trails” Volunteer Group Formed to Maintain Jackson Parks

By Aaron Dimick,  
Coordinator, People for the  
Parks & Trails



A new volunteer group in Jackson is looking for residents who want to make a difference in the city's parks. People for the Parks

and Trails (abbreviated to PPT) was recently founded by two City of Jackson employees. The goal of PPT is to provide a volunteer group for the city's parks to do regular trash cleanups, landscaping, and light maintenance.

“We have the parks, and now we just need the people to power this program!” said Aaron Dimick, a Jackson resident and the city's Public Information Officer. Dimick and Andrew Sargeant, Assistant Director of the Parks

and Recreation Department, created PPT earlier this summer after discussing the need for a resident-based group that supports parks and trails. “After riding my bike down the MLK Equality Trail and seeing lots of litter, I thought it would be great to get together with other Jackson residents to do work in parks that our staff don't always have time for,” Dimick said.

The City of Jackson has 28 public parks and an expanding network of pedestrian trails. While improvements continue to maintain this high level of service and meet new community needs, the city is left with fewer financial resources and staff to support the parks system. “We have some groups we work with from local businesses and organizations who volunteer in parks, but we really need a regular support base to keep up with a variety

of maintenance projects,” Sargeant said.

Dimick, who is helping organize PPT as a resident outside of work time, says park and trail access is a big contributor to Jackson's quality of life. “I invite all City of Jackson residents to join People for the Parks! Coming together to uplift our parks will help maintain this excellent service, enhance quality of life for our neighbors, and cultivate lots of

community pride,” Dimick said.

Spreading mulch in playgrounds, painting picnic tables, maintaining gardens, and picking up trash are some projects residents can expect to help with. “We want to make sure the volunteer opportunities do not take up too much time and are not super strenuous,” Sargeant said. “I am excited to work with People for the Parks to meet the needs of

our department.”

Volunteer projects are set to begin in Aug. and go through the fall. The latest PPT updates will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Residents can also complete an online signup form through the city website by visiting [cityof-jackson.org/peopleforparks](http://cityof-jackson.org/peopleforparks). PPT will use the signup to send out information on upcoming volunteer opportunities.

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# JPS Montessori School Announces New Interim Principal: Robert Campbell

By Rob Campbell,  
Interim Principal at  
JPS Montessori School



Hello! My name is Rob Campbell, interim school principal, and I would like to introduce you to the JPS Montessori School! We are a K-5th grade free public Montessori school located in the JPS Montessori Center, which is also home to the Felician Children's Center. The Felician Children's Center utilizes the Montessori approach as well, and offers programs for children from two weeks through six years of age.

Montessori education provides an individualized approach to learning that focuses on nurturing children's interests, respecting their natural pace, and affording students more ownership over their learning. We offer a hands-on approach to learning that engages all the senses, keeps students appropriately challenged, and fosters their love for learning. Montessori utilizes mixed age classrooms that

encourage collaboration and interaction, while developing children's internal motivation, perseverance, and sense of responsibility. Our academic curriculum aligns with Michigan state standards and frameworks, and our teachers and staff work to ensure that each student reaches their fullest potential.

Montessori strives to educate the whole child, which goes above and beyond academics to include 21st century skills such as critical thinking, teamwork, creativity, individuality, flexibility, leadership, and social skills. At JPS Montessori, our students look forward to coming to school each day!

If learning more about the Montessori experience for your student is of interest to you, please contact me at the school at 517-841-2772, or at robert.campbell@jpsk12.org. In addition, we are offering school tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 3:00pm until August 20, 2021. No appointment is necessary, so please feel free to stop by! I look forward to speaking with you, and remember, JPS is Where Community Comes Together!

Campbell completed his Master of Education in 1999 from Loyola College and also earned his Montessori Certification from the Association Montessori Internationale that same year.

Recently, he completed his K-12 Administrative Certification from Michigan Association of Superintendents & Administrators (MASA).

Campbell has been a part of the Viking Family

since 2018, teaching a 4th and 5th grade split classroom at JPS Montessori School. Mr. Campbell has spent all of his 21 years teaching in Montessori schools.

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# Tonia White of A1CU Joins Jackson YMCA Board

By Bonnie Gretzner,  
Director of Marketing  
and Communications,  
Jackson YMCA

JACKSON, MI, July 7, 2021 – Tonia White of American 1 Credit Union has joined the Jackson YMCA Board of Directors. White, who brings 30 years of leadership experience to the Y, is Chief Employee Experience Officer for A1CU.

“I have lived in Jackson my entire life, and the YMCA has always tried to be reflective of the communities it serves,” said White. “I am humbled and grateful to be of service while improving my physical and mental

health.”

During her first year at A1CU, White said she created and implemented a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Recruiting and Hiring strategy to help the credit union hire the “right person, right seat.” Along with her broad management and customer service experience, White dedicates hours each month to volunteering in the community. In addition to serving on the board of the Jackson Downtown Development Authority, she volunteers for the Salvation Army and Martin Luther King Center.

Outside of work, White

enjoys spending time with her husband of 24 years, Deshon, and their son Christopher, sipping tea, watching a good murder mystery, or cheering on the Wolverines.

“It is vital to our mission that our board members are not only experts in their professions, but also are connected to our community,” said Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello. “Not only does Tonia add valuable human resource and customer service experience, but she also brings a wealth of knowledge of our community members, particularly those living in the Y neighborhood, thanks to her

volunteer work. She will be a tremendous asset for our YMCA.”

Echoed Chief Volunteer Officer Matt Curfman, “Our board enthusiastically welcomes Tonia to our volunteer team as we work diligently to move forward as a community partner.”

For more information on the Jackson YMCA or the board, visit [www.jacksonymca.org](http://www.jacksonymca.org).

### About the Jackson YMCA

Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals from all walks of



life. The Y serves men and women of all ages, religions and economic backgrounds through programs focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Jackson YMCA moved into its current facility in 1962 and has undergone numerous renovations. Visit [JacksonYMCA.org](http://JacksonYMCA.org).



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# College & Career Access Center, September Scholarships

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- Students must be at least (13) years of age or older as of the date of entry and members of the ScholarshipPoints.com program.
- Entrants must provide proof of enrollment at a college or university.

**Description:**  
ScholarshipPoints is free to join, fun to participate in, and provides you with the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in scholarships. The ScholarshipPoints program is the only place you can win a \$10,000 scholarship - no GPA, no essay, and no hassle! The more points you earn, the more chances you have to win this scholarship.

**Award:** \$10,000  
**Deadline:** September 15, 2021  
**Application:** [https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=1054&utm\\_source=scholarships.com&utm\\_medium=Affiliate&utm\\_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B\(CPC\)](https://www.scholarshippoints.com/win5/?st=1054&utm_source=scholarships.com&utm_medium=Affiliate&utm_campaign=ScholarshipPoints%2B%2410%2C000%2BScholarship%2B(CPC))

**Gates Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- High school Senior
- From at least one of the following ethnicities:

African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native\*, Asian & Pacific Islander American, and/or Hispanic American

- Pell-eligible
- A US citizen, national, or permanent resident
- In good academic standing with a minimum cumulative weighted GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Additionally, a student must plan to enroll full-time, in a four-year degree program, at a US accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university.

\*For American Indian/Alaska Native, proof of tribal enrollment will be required.

**Description:**  
The Gates Scholarship (TGS) is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households. Each year, the scholarship is awarded to 300 of these student leaders, with the intent of helping them realize their maximum potential.

**Award:** Scholars will receive funding for the full cost of attendance\* that is not already covered by other financial aid and the expected family contribution, as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the methodology used by a Scholar's college or university.

\*Cost of attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books, and transportation, and may include other personal costs.

**Deadline:** September 15, 2021  
**Application:** Gates: Scholarship ([thegatesscholarship.org](http://thegatesscholarship.org))

**Golden Door Scholarship**

**Eligibility:**

- I have DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), TPS (Temporary Protected Status), or certify that I meet the following immigration eligibility criteria: Came to the United States before the age of 1. Have continuously resided in the United States since No-

ember 1, 2014 up to the present time and have had no lawful status. I have not been convicted of a felony, significant misdemeanor, or three or more other misdemeanors in the categories which would have disqualified me for DACA, and do not otherwise pose a threat to national security or public safety

- I am currently in high school or graduated from a United States high school or obtained a GED (General Education Development) certificate from a United States Program
- I am willing to apply to or attend one of the Golden Door Scholars Partner Schools.
- I am willing to explore and apply for other scholarships in addition to the Golden Door Scholarship.

**Description:**  
Scholarship recipients will receive funding for a four-year degree at Golden Door partner schools beginning Fall semester, 2022. Students who have applied to or are interested in other colleges should also apply. We will support students at non-partner schools on a case-by-case basis.

- Applicants must have DACA
- Applicants should have strong academic records
- High school and college transcripts DO NOT need to be official versions, and can be scanned uploads.
- Golden Door Scholars will also have access to mentors, assistance in pursuing internships and other career-building opportunities

**Award:** Up to \$40,000 for up to 50 winners  
**Deadline:** September 16, 2021 (Check Apply Now tab for updated application for 2022 award)  
**Application:** <https://www.goldendoorscholars.org/apply-now>

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Every day we can hear news of new things happening in space. As of this writing, the latest is that the old Russian module of the International Space Station was detached and sent burning into the atmosphere so the new improved Russian module could dock and be added to the space station. Wow!

Also in July, many things happened that were groundbreaking in space travel. Commercial companies have been competing to supply the space station and take tourists into space.

Richard Branson went into space with his Virgin Galactic Unity space plane

with 3 other people on July 11th.

Jeff Bezos went in his Blue Origin company's capsule, named New Shepard, on July 20th which is the anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. He brought with him 82-year-old pioneering female aviator Wally Funk and Oliver Daemen, 18, a physics student. They were, respectively, the oldest and youngest of the commercial space passengers.

Aside from tourism, there are several tasks that commercial companies are competing for. One is to move people to the ISS and back and another is to move supplies. Supplies can be moved along with people or

in unmanned supply ships. This is where Space X's Dragon capsule and Boeing's Starliner come into play.

Branson and Bezos are hoping to tap into the potentially lucrative market for space tourism, while Musk is more focused on working with NASA, gaining market share in the satellite launch industry, and on his dream to send humans to Mars.

Also keep an eye on our Mars rover, Perseverance, and its helicopter, named Ingenuity, which are sending back amazing pictures and data. China also has a rover on Mars and is launching its own space station soon. Find out more information on Space.com

or NASA's website.

It sure seems to be getting crowded up there! There are lots of opportunities for all kinds of scientists and mathematicians to get involved in space exploration- could you be next?

Imagine Planet has lots of astronomy and space activities to explore, so come check them out.

Imagine Planet is now open from 12-5 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 632 E. Michigan Ave. We also bring outreach programs to schools, camps, and other groups. Contact us at 734-358-9893 or check us out on Facebook and at [imagineplanet.net](http://imagineplanet.net).



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# Jackson School of the Arts Now Registering for Fall!

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We know many of you like to get your Fall planning underway early, so we have our upcoming Fall Classes ready for registration! Check out [jacksonarts.org](https://jacksonarts.org) for information and online registration or call us at (517) 784-2389 if you need any assistance. Also, here's links for each type of classes

Visual Arts: <https://jacksonarts.org/classes-programs/art/#fall>

Dance: <https://jacksonarts.org/classes-programs/dance-classes/#fall>

Theater: <https://jacksonarts.org/classes-programs/theater/#fall>

Tae Kwon Do (new this year!): <https://jacksonarts.org/taekwondo/>

For those of you that didn't try our new registration software this summer, we do have a new system for registration.

You can register here: <https://app.thestudiodirector.com/jacksonarts/portal.sd?page=Register>

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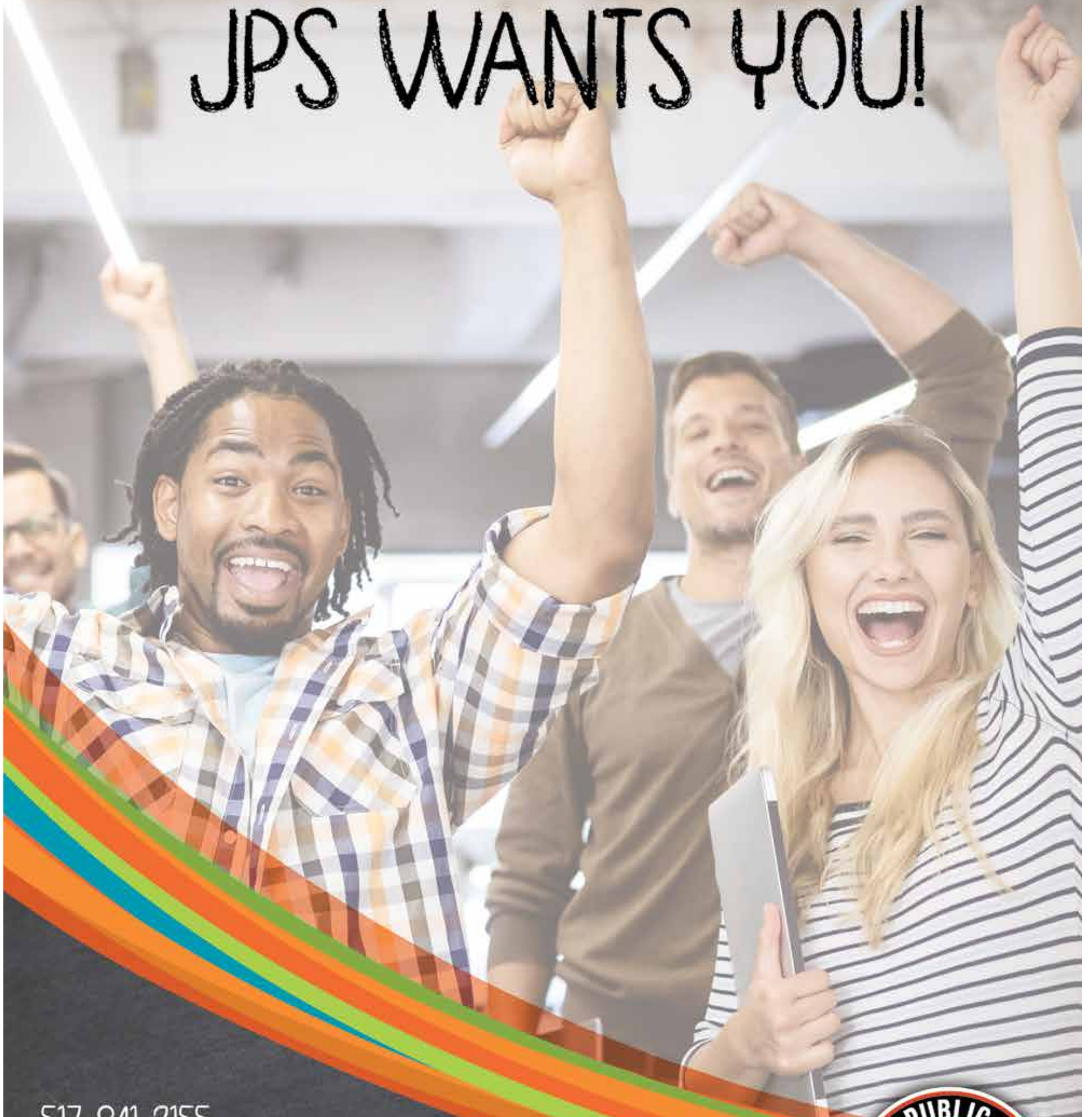
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