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Jackson, MI – Tripp's Auto Shop and Collision Center is proud to present the 2022 Jackson Hot Air Jubilee. The event will be held July 22-23 at Ella Sharp Park.

The 37th Hot Air Jubilee is scheduled from 4:00pm to 10:00 pm both Friday, July 22 and Saturday, July 23 hosted by Ella Sharp Museum, 3225 Fourth St., Jackson, MI 49203.

The family-friendly event has activities for everyone! Guests will enjoy a variety of entertainment attractions, and of course, beautiful Ella Sharp Park. Traditional festival activities will also be added throughout the property during the festival weekend featuring children's activities at Kids Kingdom, artesian and food vendors, live music, and (weather permitting) balloon glows, and balloons in flight! Festival admission is free with select activities available for an additional charge, including helicopter rides, human hamster balls and admission to Ella Sharp Museum. Thanks to sponsors Henry Ford Health and the Jackson Eagles parking will be FREE throughout the weekend.

Chairman and long-time Jubilee pilot David Seekell says of this year's event, "It is an honor to lead the board of the Hot Air Jubilee and provide family-friendly entertainment to the Jackson community."

Vice Chair and Balloonmeister Steven Sitko, looks forward to great weather and many flights for this year's event. "As a life-long Jackson resident, I'm proud to be able to do my part to lead the Jubilee in 2022. The Jubilee is in desperate need of some good weather so we can see the beautiful balloons in the air over our city," said Sitko.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, July 22:

- 4:00 pm** - Festival Opens with food vendors, Kids Kingdom, live music and adult beverage tent.  
- Live music line up includes: Kung Fu Diesel, Blue Tuesday and Jack Pine Savages  
**7:00 pm** - Evening balloon launch (weather permitting)  
**9:00 pm** - Night Glow Sponsored by Consumers Energy (weather permitting)

Saturday, July 23

- 7:00 am** - Morning balloon launch, location TBD (weather permitting)  
**3:00 pm** - Hot Rods and Hot Air Car Show with Model T rides, steam engine demonstrations and the Banana Car.  
**4:00 pm** - Pilot Meet & Greet on launch field  
- Live music line up includes: Mark Arshak Bank, Medusa & Thirsty Perch  
**7:00 pm** - Evening balloon launch (weather permitting)  
**9:00 pm** - Night Glow Sponsored by Jackson College (weather permitting)

The full schedule of events, including the lineup of live music can be found at [www.hotairjubilee.com](http://www.hotairjubilee.com).

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# Farmers Market Keeping Jackson Fresh This Summer

By Aaron Dimick,  
City of Jackson Public  
Information Officer



Getting food that goes from local farms to your table has been made easier thanks to the Grand River Farmers Market. "What I hear most from customers is the quality of the food we offer compared to what you find in the store and how the prices are the same, if not better," said Ben Marks. Marks has

been selling produce from his family farm in Lenawee County at the market since 2008. "New customers are sometimes surprised we have such a substantial farmers market in Jackson," Marks said.

The Grand River Farmers Market is located in Downtown Jackson at the intersection of Pearl and Mechanic streets. Beyond fresh fruits and vegetables, the market offers a wide variety of local products, such as flowers, plants, artwork, baked goods, soap and much more! It is operated by the Downtown Develop-

ment Authority (DDA). "At the peak of the growing season, you can fill your fridge with produce from the market. Shoppers usually come down for one item and stay for everything else," said DDA Executive Director Cory Mays.

The market accepts cash and credit cards, along with most food assistance programs including WIC, Bridge Cards, Double Up Food Bucks, and Project Fresh. "The farmers market is here for the community to get fresh food and locally-made items, so it's important everyone feels



welcome to take advantage of all we have to offer," Mays said.

Marks says sellers are well accustomed to assisting shoppers using food assistance. "We're glad to know that what we sell helps the

community. Shopping here also helps local farmers too and we appreciate the support," Marks said.

The market is open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Fri. and Sat. from June through the end of Oct.

## Learn to Love Your Hometown

# All of Us Coming Together Makes Jackson a Better Place

By Val Herr

Loving your hometown isn't about turning a blind eye to problems but rather choosing to be a part of the solutions. No town, no matter how big or how small is perfect. Do you want to know why? Because people aren't perfect. It's not about



being perfect. It's about caring and commitment. There are so many great people and organizations coming together to make Jackson a better place and I'm grateful everyday to play a small part in it.

Last night we drove into the City of Jackson for a softball game. While it might seem ordinary and nothing special, I was feeling nostalgic and took a moment to just be and just enjoy. We stopped by my favorite comfort food,

White's Chicken, (845 N West Ave) to pick up dinner. If you have never had White's Chicken or it's been a while, put it on your to-do list for July! It's amazing fried chicken with the best mashed potatoes and gravy I've ever had. White's Chicken reminds me of lunches with my parents and a true Jackson experience.

After picking up our chicken we headed to Ella Sharp Park. We drove down 4th Street and past

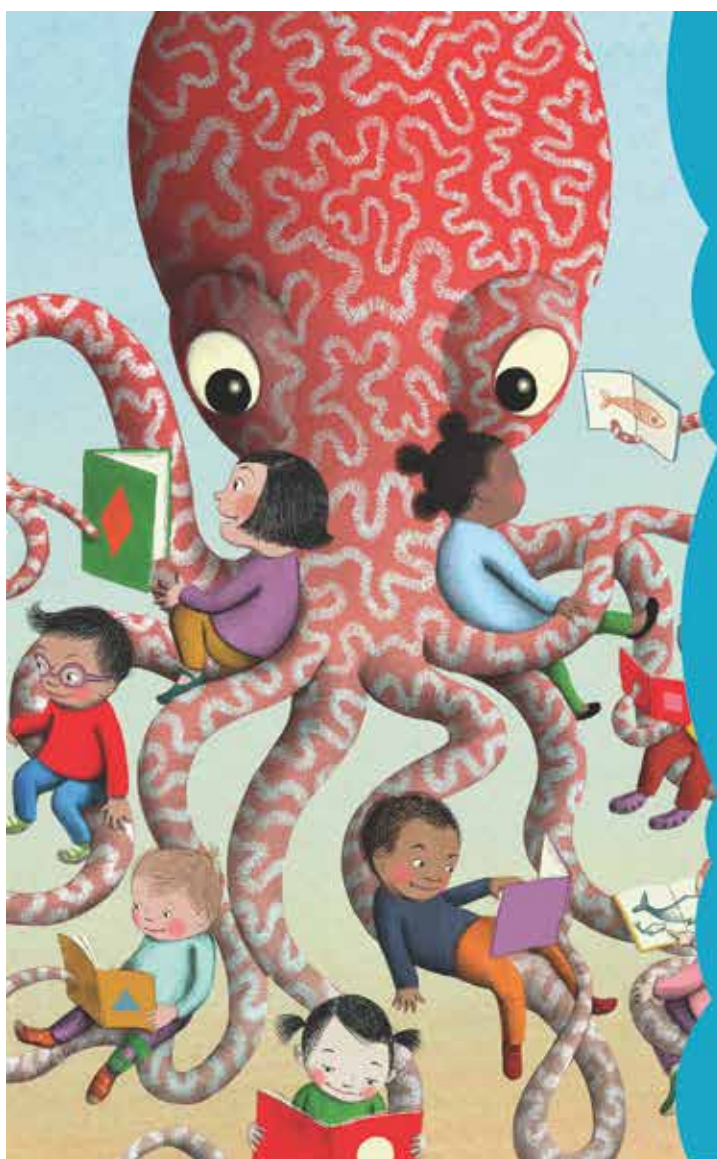
The Front Porch Jackson, 2301 4th Street. If you haven't heard about them, please check out their story and their business. They are not only amazing flower growers, but they are also amazing people. I love their story and their passion for following their dreams.

As we drove past Ella Sharp Museum, I saw the Clublife van in their parking lot. Clublife has been a part of Ella Sharp Museum for several years. The staff at Ella provides programming

and experiences around science and art. It's a great example of collaboration.

Lastly, as I sat at the softball field of Ella Sharp Park eating my White's Chicken I was struck by how lucky we are to have so many amazing parks in our county. This park has a variety of fields, trails and beauty for all to enjoy.

Do yourself a favor and take a day and slow down and appreciate all that you have, and all that Jackson has to offer.



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# Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Benn and Denise

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## Benn

Benn is a 8 years old stray that is solid black with white markings. He is an American Staffordshire mix who gets along well with most other dogs. Benn is potty trained and not a barker or jumper. This guy is pretty laid back and easy going, he would love to be your walking partner.

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.



## Denise

This pretty girl is Denise, she is a one year old orange tabby. Denise is super friendly, she likes playing with toys and attention. She will come to her human and look to be petted. This curious girl likes just cruising around checking out her new surroundings. Won't you come meet this green eyed girl today at the Jackson County

Animal Shelter, 3370 Spring Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan. Cat Adoption Fees are \$60 for one cat, \$80 for two, which will include applicable tests, vaccines and spay/neutering. Any necessary medical procedures may slightly postpone an adoption. Visiting the shelter is always best, but other resources include: Online cat application: <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF>, fax 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-Shelter Details. Current Shelter Hours: M, Tu, W, F, 10:00-4:30, Thu 10-7, Sat 10-4.



## Ella Sharp Museum Offers Free Admission to Military Personnel and Their Families this Summer as a Blue Star Museum

Ella Sharp Museum joins museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently-serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. The national program kicked-off on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21, 2022, and will end on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 2022. Find a list of participating museums at [arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](https://arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

"Ella Sharp Museum is honored to serve our community and ensure art, science and history experiences are accessible to all," said Julie Johnson, Executive Director of Ella Sharp museum. "Through this program, we are able to offer opportunities for active military and their families to engage with the Jackson community and make lasting memories."

Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums nationwide.

"Museums educate and inspire, cause us to wonder and imagine, dream and remember," said Dr. Maria Rosario Jackson, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. "By participating in the Blue Star Museums program, the Ella Sharp Museum is offering military personnel and their families an opportunity to feel connected to the Jackson community and to explore the world through the power of arts,

culture and design, contributing to each person being able to live an artful life."

Blue Star Museums include children's museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The current list of participating museums will continue to develop over the summer as organizations are welcome to register to be a Blue Star Museum throughout the summer.

The free admission program is available for those currently-serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members.

Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a

participating Blue Star Museum.

### About Ella Sharp Museum

The Ella Sharp Museum, a 501(c)(3), was founded in 1965 and offers programs, exhibits, and experiences preserving community history, advancing art appreciation, and connecting children with astronomy. Our 6-acre campus includes the Hadwin Center with exhibit galleries, program spaces, rental facilities, and offices; the Merriman Sharp farmhouse, a one-room schoolhouse, a log cabin, barns, and the Hurst Planetarium. Our mission focuses on providing opportunities to connect our community with history and the arts. Additional information about Ella Sharp Museum is available at [www.ellasharpmuseum.org](http://www.ellasharpmuseum.org).

### About the National Endowment for the Arts

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to

participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America's rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit [arts.gov](https://arts.gov) to learn more.

### About Blue Star Families

Blue Star Families is the nation's largest grass-roots military family support organization, with a mission to support military families to improve military readiness. Its distinctive approach builds stronger communities around military families through knowledge and programs that address the unique needs of those who serve. Blue Star Families' nationally recognized surveys and analysis give military families an important voice that informs policy makers and its military family programs. It uses the power of its collective resources and cross-sector collaborations to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of thousands of members of military families to strengthen the troops, their families, and our nation as a whole. For more information, visit [bluestarfam.org](https://bluestarfam.org). Follow Blue Star Museums on Twitter @NEArts and @BlueStarFamily, #bluestarmuseums.





# Color and Light are Everywhere in July

By Jean McKim  
*Imagine Planet*

Color and light are everywhere in July. From fireworks to flowers, color brightens our lives. But what makes color? We see things when they give off light (like a lightbulb) or reflect light (like a shirt). Things that are hot give off light of all colors, though some colors are more common than others. Our sun gives off light of all colors or wavelengths, but it gives off more yellow light than any other. Our eyes see a range of colors centered on yellow because our sun is brightest at this wavelength. Light from hot things is called incandescence.

Luminescence is light produced from energy other than heat, mainly from unstable atoms or molecules.

This tends to be different colors depending on the material it comes from. Different materials added to fireworks produce different colors. These are called metal salts.

Fireworks work because the materials in them are unstable and when activated they give off different colors. Copper and chlorine together give off blue, barium chloride is green, strontium or lithium salts are red, and calcium salts are orange. These materials are lifted in the air by lift chemicals and a fuse sets off the color chemicals at a specific time and height.


Solid materials either absorb (suck up) or reflect (bounce back) light of different colors. My blue shirt is absorbing red light and

reflecting blue light, so I see blue. Roxie's feathers are reflecting blue, yellow and green light from our fluorescent lights (an example of luminescence). Black construction paper is absorbing all wavelengths of colors.


Flowers are an example of absorption and reflection. Different chemicals called pigments absorb different wavelengths. The most well known is chlorophyll which gives plants their green color.

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## JPS Welcomes Jeremy Patterson as New Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum

Jackson, MI - Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Mr. Jeremy Patterson as the new Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum.

Mr. Jeremy M. Patterson is a graduate of Jackson High School, Class of 1993. He attended Spring Arbor University on a basketball and baseball scholarship, with a dual major of Education and Exercise & Sport Science. Mr. Patterson finished his master's degree in 2008 with an emphasis in Educational Administration from Michigan State University.

Jeremy has been on staff with Jackson Public Schools since 1998, including five years as Associate Principal at JHS (2007-2012), three years as Head Principal at Frost Elementary (2012-2015), and is finishing his seventh year as Principal for Instruction at Middle School at Parkside (2015-Current). He also coached Varsity Girls' Basketball, J.V. & Varsity Boys' Basketball and J.V. Boys' Baseball. Jeremy has a passion for motivating young people to perform to the best of their abilities!

Mr. Patterson and his

wife, Jill, have four children (Noah 22, Alexandra 21, Javen 18, and Ryan 12). Jeremy is a member of St. John's the Evangelist Parish in Jackson, MI, the Knights of Columbus: Council #9301, Michigan Elementary & Middle School Principals Association President 2017-2018, United Way of Jackson Board member and served on the National Association of Elementary School Principals' National Diversity Task Force.

"I look forward to serving Jackson Public Schools as Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum. My

experience with the district, and in K-12 education as a teacher and administrator will be helpful in moving our programs forward for our staff, our students and our community. Great things are happening in our community, and I look forward to continuing to serve in this new role with JPS!" said Mr. Patterson.

Jeff Beal, JPS Superintendent said, "I am very excited about having Jeremy move into his new role overseeing all of our secondary programming and South Central Michigan Virtual. He brings a wealth

of knowledge and energy to the position. One of the most exciting advantages that Mr. Patterson brings to central office are his wide range of experiences, having spent time at elementary, middle and the high school level he has a true systems understanding of needs and challenges as well as those areas where there are opportunities to build and grow. As a project-ready administrator, I anticipate that Jeremy will jump in with both feet to build a stronger Jackson Public Schools. It truly is a great day to be a Viking!"

## Antonio Parker Named as Jackson High School Head Football Coach

Jackson, MI - Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce that Antonio Parker has been selected as the new Head Football Coach at Jackson High School.

Antonio was born and raised in Jackson, and is a Class of 2001 alumni of Jackson High School. Mr. Parker has served as as-

sistant coach for eighteen years, and has served in many different roles in the Jackson Football program. Mr. Parker has served as Jackson High Football defensive coordinator for the last five years.

Antonio has been married to his wife, Aisha, for 12 years. Together they have two children, Antonio

(AJ 11) and Ashari (5). They have an angel baby Ashton who they lost to stillborn death in August of 2015.

Mr. Parker said, "Chasing my passion to impact young people is a calling I have on my life. I am excited to get to work and to continue to take Jackson Football and Jackson Public Schools to new heights."

"I am very excited to have Antonio Parker stepping in to fill the Head Football Coach," Jeff Beal, JPS Superintendent said. "I believe in his connection to our students, ability to develop our young players into great men and his vision for our program moving forward. I think it is going to be a very exciting year and I



look forward to seeing our staff, students and families at Withington Stadium this fall."



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# JPS Middle School at Parkside Announces Krista Jarvey as New Principal



Jackson, MI - Jackson Public Schools is pleased to announce Mrs. Krista Jarvey as the new Principal of Instruction at the Middle School at Parkside.

Mrs. Krista Jarvey is a graduate of Chelsea High School, Class of 1991. She attended Eastern Michigan University to attain her Bachelor's Degree in Education minoring in Social Science, ELA and Science. Mrs. Jarvey finished her Master's degree in 2007 from Marygrove College with a focus in the Art of Teaching then was award-

ed her Administrative certificate in 2010. She then graduated from EMU in 2011 with a Specialist degree in Educational Leadership.

Krista has worked as an administrator at Parkside since 2015.

Mrs. Jarvey and her husband, Mike, have three children (Clayton 20, Caden 18 and Cailee 17). Krista and her husband have been married for 23 years. Krista is a member of Keystone Church located in Saline, MI., the Michigan Elementary and Middle School

Principals Association and NAAPID committee. Krista has led initiatives such as the Laundry Initiative, Safe Routes to School, MSU Goals Program, and Project Healthy Schools.

"I am extremely honored and excited to take on the role of Principal of Instruction at Parkside. I have huge shoes to fill but I know Mr. Patterson is only a phone call away. He has been an inspirational mentor to me on this journey and I appreciate his leadership and guidance." Mrs. Jarvey said. "I look

forward to continuing my relationships with my staff, students, parents, and the Jackson community. It is truly a great day to be a Viking!"

JPS Superintendent Jeff Beal said, "We are pleased to transition Parkside into the very capable hands of Parkside Associate Principal, Mrs. Jarvey. At JPS we strive to cultivate leaders within our district and Mrs. Jarvey has been a strong leader and advocate for our community, students, and families throughout her career at Parkside.

Mrs. Jarvey's commitment to Parkside and our entire district is evident through her strong leadership skills, compassion and depth of knowledge of our Parkside staff, students, and families! I look forward to the continued success of Parkside!"

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# United Way of South Central Michigan Names Chief Equity Officer, Chief Impact Officer

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Battle Creek/Jackson, Kalamazoo/Lansing, MI - United Way of South Central Michigan announced today that Jen Hsu-Bishop has joined the organization as Chief Equity Officer, guiding UWSCMI's diversity, equity and inclusion work. United Way also named Alyssa Stewart as Chief Impact Officer, focused on leading efforts to address key social issues across the six-county region.

Hsu-Bishop (they/them) is an experienced equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) leader, dedicating their personal and professional life to transforming communities and systems to better serve marginalized communities, said Chris Sargent (he/him), UWSCMI's President and CEO.

"At United Way, we strive for a regional community that connects with, advocates for, and embraces all people equitably," Sargent said. "Jen Hsu-Bishop brings vast experience and valuable perspective that will help us become a stronger, more effective advocate and partner for people facing racism and other forms of discrimination and unfair treatment."

Hsu-Bishop previously served as Culture and Climate Specialist for the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency,

where they led the planning of a strategic EDI plan. Prior to joining KRESA, Hsu-Bishop held multiple roles at Grand Valley State University (Allendale, Mich.), including Acting Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Director of the Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center; and Inclusion and Equity Institute Consultant and Title IX Co-Investigator. They have also served on many advisory and nonprofit boards, including Eliminating Racism and Claiming/Celebrating Equity; Community Aids Resource and Education Services of Southwest Michigan; Michigan Organization for Adolescent Sexual Health; and the Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals.

Hsu-Bishop holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience and Sociology from the University of Michigan, and a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Michigan University.

"I've committed my life to centering the voices of historically underrepresented and marginalized communities," said Hsu-Bishop. "I'm excited to join my commitment and experience with United Way's commitment to equity."

Stewart (she/her), who previously served as Vice President of Impact and Engagement for United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalam-

azoo Region, was named UWSCMI's Chief Impact Officer shortly after the organization's merger in April. She joined the legacy United Way in 2013 after having led workforce development programming for Michigan-Works! since 2009. Stewart holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science/Public Policy from Albion College, and a Master's in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.

"Under Alyssa's leadership, our legacy United Way in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo strengthened partnerships and developed more focused, strategic approaches to tackling the biggest needs among vulnerable children and families," said Sargent. "We're eager to see Alyssa and her regional team expand that impact and change more lives."

Stewart said, "My goal is to fully understand the unique assets in each community and, through our team and partners, to build on them locally and beyond. That's the key value of our merger and vital to strengthening our impact for those who struggle, especially the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) population."

Stewart and Hsu-Bishop are now part of UWSCMI's Executive Leadership Team, which also includes Sargent as President and

CEO; Teresa Kmetz as Chief Resource Development and Marketing Officer; and Ken Toll as Chief Operations Officer.

## About UWSCMI

United Way of South Central Michigan gathers the power of three legacy organizations—Capital Area United Way, United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region, and United Way of Jackson County—to mobilize financial and vol-

unteer resources, partners and voices, creating equitable and lasting change for the most vulnerable people in our communities. We are committed to addressing the most pressing social issues locally and regionally; championing equity, diversity and inclusion by embedding equity and antiracism throughout our work; and engaging partners in our communities to drive lasting impact. Website: [www.unitedforscmi.org](http://www.unitedforscmi.org).

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College & Career Access Center, July Scholarships

Maple Flooring Manufacturers Assoc. Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Recipient must be a legal resident of USA and must attend school in the USA
- Applicants must be accepted into one of the following fields of study:  
Architecture, Athletic Administration, Athletics, Boiler Inspection, Biological Conservation, Biomechanical Sciences, Building Construction, Civil Engineering, Coaching, Commercial Driving, Construction Sciences or Management, Dance Education, Forest Science, Forestry Studies, Engineering Technology, Environmental Resource Management, Exercise Science, Industrial Technology, Kinesiology, LEED Training or Certification, Mechanical Drafting, Machine Technologies, Natural Resources, Conservation, Physical Administration, Physical Education, Physical Rehabilitation or Therapy, Park & Recreation Administration, Small Engine Repair, Sports & Fitness Management, Surveying, Trucking, Wood Sciences.

Description: For this, 2022-2023 academic year and in celebration of the MFMA's 125th Anniversary, Maple Flooring Manufacturers Association offers five scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 each for secondary, advanced, or trade school education. Applicants will be considered based on academic achievement, field of study, and written essay responses.

Applications must include the following:

- Copy of the applicant's high school or college transcript
- 500 word typed essay on one of the topics listed on the application website
- Acceptance letter from college, university or trade school indicating specific field of study
- MFMA scholarship application

Award: 5 Awards of \$1,250  
Deadline: July 8, 2022  
Application: <https://www.maple-floor.org/Programs-Services/Scholarship-Program.aspx>

**Baron and Budd Attorneys Mesothelioma Cancer Victims Memorial Scholarships**

Eligibility:

- Open to entering Freshman only, any major field of study, or undecided major
- Must be entering a US-based four-year university or college or a two-year college
- Must provide two letters of recommendation
- You may submit either a written essay or video
- Written essay must be between 800-1,250 words
- Video essay must be a 2-3minute YouTube video
- YouTube videos must link back to <https://www.baronandbudd.com/mesothelioma-lawyers/scholarships/>
- Cannot be an employee or family member of an employee of Baron and Budd

Description: Essay and Video Topics:  
How has cancer impacted your life? (cancer of any form)  
Mesothelioma cancers, as well as other terminal cancers, have an impact well beyond the victim alone. How has a type of cancer of your loved one impacted your life? How did it impact you while you or your loved one was fighting their illness? What hardships did you or your family experience? How will this scholarship help you to reach your academic goals?

Award: \$2,500 Top Essay - \$2,500 Top Video  
Deadline: July 8, 2022  
Application: <https://baronandbudd.com/mesothelioma-lawyer/scholarships/#rules>

\$1,000 Safe Driver Scholarship

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be currently attending or planning to attend college or some form of higher education.
- Applicant must participate in a Safe Driver Program and create a form of social awareness that inspires other students to focus on safe driving.

Instructions:  
Applicants must:

- possess a valid driver's license
- participate in one of the following Safe Driver Programs listed on web or email for approval of other qualifying safe driver programs.
- create a form of social awareness that inspires other students to focus on safe driving.
- complete the scholarship application.
- submit a link to your step two in the final step of the application form.

Award: \$1,000  
Deadline: July 15, 2022  
Application: <https://www.carinsurancecomparison.com/safe-driver-student-scholarship/>

American Legion Baseball Scholarship

Eligibility:  
The player must:

- Attach a copy of his official high school transcript.
- Have graduated from high school.
- Be on a current roster (American Legion National Baseball Electronic Registration Form) with National Headquarters.
- Be part of a team affiliated with an American Legion post.
- Have three letters of testimony attached to application.

Description: Each Department Baseball Committee may select a player from their Department to receive this scholarship. The American Legion will award several scholarships this year depending on the number of applicants and interest earned from the trust fund.

Award: \$500 - \$5,000  
Deadline: July 15, 2022  
Application: <https://www.legion.org/scholarships/baseball>

David Hudak Memorial Essay Contest for Freethinking Students of Color

Eligibility:

- Open only to freethinking students of color ages 17-21
- High school Seniors graduating in Spring 2022 who will be attending a North American college or university in Fall 2022, or who are currently enrolled in a college or university.

Description: This contest is offered to provide support and acknowledgment for freethinking students of color, as a minority within a minority.

This contest is offered to provide support and acknowledgment for freethinking students of color, as a minority within a minority. People of Color refers to all racial groups that are not white. Specifically, any person who is not considered white, including African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, Asian-Americans and others. FFRF offers other essay contests open to all students in your age group. Students may only enter one FFRF contest annually.

Applicant must submit a 400-600 words essay with the topic "Living and Thriving Without Religion".

Award: \$200-\$3,500  
Deadline: July 15, 2022  
Application: <https://accessscholarships.com/scholarship/david-hudak-memorial-essay-contest-for-freethinking-students-of-color>

Annual Financial Empowerment Scholarship - Sponsored by Bank Mobile

Eligibility:  
Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Attend an accredited institution
- Submit a complete 3-part application:  
1) Application  
2) Transcript  
3) Creative Video (30-60 Second Video) explaining the importance of financial empowerment in your life and career. Special consideration will be given towards those who are demonstrating an active role in promoting financial empowerment within their community. We highly encourage creativity! Suggested Format: MP4.
- If you are not in college, you must provide Proof of Enrollment/ Acceptance
- Meet a minimum score of 3.0 GPA.

Description: BankMobile Foundation is offering this scholarship to one excellent undergraduate or graduate student who is blazing a trail and shaking things up in the world of financial empowerment. The scholarship is to be used exclusively for school tuition and related expenses. A check for \$1,500 will be made payable to the award recipient's university or college to cover educational expenses.

Award: \$1,500  
Deadline: July 15, 2022  
Application: <https://www.bankmobile.com/scholarship>

GeneTex Scholarship Program

Eligibility:

- Students in good standing and enrolled at an accredited college or university
- Students who have declared a STEM major or are enrolled in a STEM graduate program
- The National Science Foundation defines STEM majors as life sciences, physical sciences, social sciences, computer sciences and mathematics.
- Open to international students.

Description: GeneTex believes in accelerating scientific advancement and the notion that the genesis of future discoveries begins with the support of young scientists now. The GeneTex Scholarship Program will award a \$2000 (USD) scholarship to students pursuing a STEM undergraduate or graduate degree. The scholarship will be awarded to one student twice a year.

Award: \$2,000  
Deadline: July 15th, 2022  
Application: <https://www.genetex.com/Article/Company/Index/Scholarship>

2022 Platt Family Scholarship Prize Essay Contest

Eligibility:

- The scholarship essay contest is designed for students who are full-time, undergraduate students attending an American college or university during the Spring 2022 semester. The July 31 deadline is designed to give these students time to finish their essays, if necessary, after final exams.
- You do not have to be an American citizen, but you do need to be attending an American college or university during the eligibility period.
- The scholarship is not open to high school students. Key question to consider; when we contact your college or university registrar will they be able to confirm that you were enrolled as a full-time college student during the Spring 2022 semester? If the answer is no, you are not eligible.
- The eligibility of entrants will be confirmed by the Lincoln Forum prior to the awarding of prizes.
- Entries will be judged by the essay committee of The Lincoln Forum.

Description:  
Our Topic for 2022:  
The year 2022 is the anniversary

of the dedication of the Lincoln Memorial. How has the whole question of memorializing leading figures of the Civil War, including Lincoln, changed in the hundred years since then?

- Entries must contain a minimum of 1,500 and a maximum of 5,000 words.
- The essay must be typed and include a works-cited page or bibliography. End notes are suggested but not required.

Award: 1st Prize \$1500 | 2nd Prize \$750 | 3rd Prize \$500  
Deadline: Essays may be submitted via regular mail (postmarked before July 31, 2022) or via e-mail (time stamped before midnight July 31, 2022)  
Application: <https://www.thelincolnforum.org/platt-family-essay-contest>

2022 NBCC Foundation Military Scholarships

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be enrolled, full time in a CACREP-accredited counseling master's program.
- Applicants must be veterans or active-duty U.S. military service members or spouses of a veteran or active-duty U.S. military service member. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge.
- Applicants must be currently enrolled full time for the fall 2022 semester and be in good standing in a CACREP-accredited counseling master's-level program. Applicants must have taken courses during the spring 2022 semester. Applicants may not have a pending status, deferred status, or other future start date for coursework.
- Applicants are expected to graduate by December 31, 2025
- Eligible applicants must not have an anticipated program completion date before September 1, 2023, which will be verified in writing by their academic department.
- Applicants must demonstrate knowledge of and experience with military personnel and families.
- Applicants must commit to becoming board certified by applying for the National Certified Counselor (NCC) certification prior to graduation and to completing the application process.
- Applicants must commit to providing mental health services to service members and/or veterans within one year of graduation and for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation.

Description: These scholarships provide financial support to students who are currently enrolled in a Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)-accredited counseling master's program, live in a rural area, and commit to serve rural populations within one year of graduation for the duration of a minimum of at least two years post-graduation.

Award: Five scholarships in the amount of \$8,000 are available.  
Deadline: July 31, 2022  
Application: <https://nbccfoundation.submittable.com/submit/b66fc8d2-43f9-444b-86e7-6c6dde54dd8f/2022-nbcc-foundationmilitary-scholarship>

Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship

Eligibility:

- 9th-12th grade high school, college, or graduate student including adult students.
- Legal resident of the U.S.
- Currently in school or planning to start school within the next 12 months.

Description: The Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship is a merit-based program that helps students fulfill their dreams of a higher education. The scholarship is named for Gen and Kelly Tanabe, best-selling

authors on education, whose generous donations fund this program.

Award: \$1,000  
Deadline: July 31st, 2022  
Application: <http://www.genkellyscholarship.com/>

Avonte Oquendo Memorial Scholarship for Autism

Eligibility:

- Either you or a close family member has been diagnosed with a form of autism, including Asperger syndrome.
- Applicant must be an enrolled student at an accredited college, university, or vocational school, or be accepted to begin school at an accredited college, university, or vocational school in the semester for which the application is being offered.
- Additionally, applicants should submit an essay on one of the topics listed below with a minimum of 500 words and maximum of 1,000 words.

1. Tell us about a time that you have had to overcome an obstacle as a person with autism that other people would not have had to face.
2. Explain how your loved one's autism has affected you and how you have adapted to help them.
3. Answer this question: What do you feel is the biggest obstacle holding back people with autism today?

Description: The Perecman Firm, P.L.L.C. was touched by the story of 14-year-old Avonte Oquendo, an autistic boy who went missing after he wandered away from school in 2013. The outpouring of support and assistance that accompanied the search for Avonte was unprecedented. Although Avonte tragically did not make it home alive, we want to show the same support for the autistic community in memory of this extraordinary young man.

Award: \$5,000  
Deadline: July 31st, 2022  
Application: <https://www.perecman.com/avonte-oquendo/autism-scholarship/>

Michael Moody Fitness Scholarship

Eligibility:  
Scholarship applicants must:

- be United States citizens or legal residents living or claiming residency in one of the 50 United States, Washington, D.C. or Puerto Rico.
- be current high school Senior, undergraduate, or graduate students who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or university in the U.S. for the entire 2021-2022 academic year.
- demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in school, and participation and leadership in school activities and work experience.
- demonstrate interest in pursuing a career and enrolled in the following majors:  
Athletic Training, Psychology, Biology, Kinesiology, Nursing, General Medicine, Dentistry, Behavioral Sciences, Personal Training, Physical Education Teaching and Coaching, Health and Physical Fitness, Exercise Science, Sports and Recreation Mgmt, Health Sciences, Physical Therapist, or related major.

Description: The Michael Moody Fitness Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior, undergraduate, or graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, participation and leadership in school activities and work experience, and interest in pursuing a career in the health/fitness fields.

Award: \$1,500  
Deadline: until 1,000 applications submitted or until August 1st, 2021 (whichever comes first)  
Application: <http://www.michaelmoodyfitness.com/student-scholarship-chicago/>



## Pretty, Portable Pollinator Gardens

(BPT) - Bees, birds, butterflies, and other pollinators play an important role in our global ecosystem. In fact, they are essential. By transporting pollen from one plant to another, they make growing the food we eat and the beautiful garden spaces we enjoy possible. One of the easiest ways to support a healthy growing environment is to plant a diverse selection of plants, making sure to include the types of blooms that various pollinators love.

"Pollinator gardens provide food for bees, butterflies, moths, wasps and other helpful species," says Diane Blazek, Executive Director at National Garden Bureau (NGB). "In turn, they pollinate the vegetables that produce our food. They really are essential. That's why it is important for everyone to do their part."

You don't have to devote a large space to pollinators to make a difference. Container gardens are a great way to provide the food sources that pollinators need to thrive. Having movable containers can also come in very handy if you want to move your pollinator gardens from space to space. Let's say you really want to attract bees but have company coming and

there is a concern about the nearness of your beloved bees. It is easy to move the containers to another area of your garden for the duration of that visit! Or you have hummingbird-attracting plants and want to move them so you can watch them at work from the comfort of your home.

### Customize your blend

A diverse selection of plants attracts a diverse range of pollinators. Different flower colors attract different pollinators but adding various flower shapes and forms is also important. Butterflies like flower clusters with flat, open blooms like yarrow, coneflower, and zinnia. Hummingbirds like the tubular flower types such as penstemon, cuphea and salvia. Bees and wasps prefer different types of flowers depending on their tongue length.

### 10 plants with a purpose

There are so many beautiful pollinator-friendly plant choices, the container combinations are endless. Here are a few to get your pollinator containers growing.

"National Garden Bureau chose Verbena as our Annual of the Year and Phlox as our Perennial of the Year for 2022, due in part to their

popularity with pollinators," says Blazek. "Both Phlox and Verbena are beautiful, easy-to-grow flowers that are available in a wide variety of colors." Compact Garden Phlox look stunning in larger containers while groundcover types create a cascade of early spring flowers for pollinators to feed on. Heat-loving Verbena are available in mounding or trailing types that can be container centerpieces or softening accent plants.

Coneflowers, or echinacea, provide a summer pollinator food source, then a fall/winter seed source, for the birds. Compact varieties can be a wonderful addition to smaller containers, while taller types serve as the focal point of the container. Since Coneflowers come in many color choices, you're sure to find one to work with your color scheme.

Sedum flowers late summer and early fall, providing a food source at a time when fewer floral resources are available. Look for Back in Black Sedum, an NGB Green Thumb Award winner, as a great addition to your fall pollinator garden.

The tall, spikey blooms of both annual and perennial Salvia are naturals in any pollinator garden. Extremely easy to grow, and available



in several different colors and species, they look beautiful in containers all on their own. One new salvia, also a winner of the NGB Green Thumb Award, is Hummingbird Falls and guess what, it is a hummingbird magnet!

As its name suggests, Bee Balm, or monarda, is a proven feast for bees. Colorful, pom-pom shaped blooms planted in containers capture the attention of both pollinators and humans.

The beautiful blooms of lavender are a big draw for pollinators, while the scent provides a welcome and calming invitation for all visitors to linger in the garden.

Sunflowers come in compact sizes that are perfect for containers. Choose from bushy, reblooming types or dwarf types, both of which can be used in patio pots.

If you're looking for a drought-tolerant, pollinator-friendly plant, Lantana is a good choice. Spreading

varieties in a vast array of warm colors look great spilling over the edges of containers.

With its airy texture, Coreopsis is another excellent choice for pollinator containers. Bright-colored blooms are especially attractive to butterflies.

### Container tips

Don't forget to water! Container gardens will dry out faster than landscape plantings, so water more frequently to keep the soil evenly moist. For almost care-free gardening, consider using self-watering containers. Simply keep the water-holding reservoirs at capacity and your plants will be watered as needed.

In addition to a large selection of flower colors and textures, pollinators are attracted to blooms at varying heights. Place your containers on decorative plant stands to elevate containers for a pleasing design.

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4 Outdoor Home Improvement Projects to Tackle this Summer

(BPT) - When you think of summer cleanup, you likely picture decluttering and deep cleaning your indoor spaces. However, your outdoor spaces need just as much attention as your home's interiors to get them ready for the warmer months. You can save yourself some headaches later by investing time in a few housekeeping tasks in your outdoor spaces, so as the weather heats up, it's time to take stock of your yard space and lawn equipment. Check out these four (relatively) simple projects that will set you up for success this summer.

1. Check your lawnmower

Inspect your lawnmower before you need to use it so it's prepared when you're ready to tackle your lawn. According to Consumer Reports, you'll want to check or change your engine oil, sharpen the blades, fill it with fresh fuel, and change or clean filters.

For some, it may be time to replace your trusty lawnmower. The Troy-Bilt Self-Propelled Walk-Behind FWD Mower is an excellent choice for homeowners. It's powered by a 140cc Briggs & Stratton® engine and offers variable-speed front-wheel drive for improved control and fast turns. This durable model is equipped with the TriAction cutting system for creating and maintaining a well-groomed lawn plus a deck wash for easy upkeep.

2. Prep your patio

If you spend a lot of time on your patio, especially if you host events, you'll want to inspect your outdoor space for any winter dam-



age. Harsh winter elements like snow and ice can easily cause cracks in stone and tile pavers or chip and crack wooden decks. Make a list of needed repairs and determine which should be prioritized.

Now is also a good time to renew your patio area. It can be as simple as adding mulch, using landscape rocks as ground cover or installing or replacing patio stones and pavers.

3. Garden beds

If you're looking to grow your own flowers, vegetables and herbs this summer, consider assembling and installing raised garden beds. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, raised soil warms up more quickly, meaning that a raised garden bed can warm up during spring and provide a longer growing season. These simple freestanding boxes or frames drain well, help prevent erosion, and are ideal for small spaces that can't support a tradi-

tional row garden.

Agalvanized steel raised garden planter bed like one from Northern Tool + Equipment is simple to assemble, meaning you can get to planting more quickly. Its modular design allows you to add multiple boxes for an even larger garden bed and the corrugated, galvanized

steel construction can hold up to all kinds of weather throughout the year.

4. Organize your garage

As the in-between space between your home and the outdoors, your garage likely needs plenty of TLC come summer. Take the opportu-

nity to clear out any trash or clutter and give the space a good sweeping to clear out any dust or dirt that collected on the garage floor over the colder months. Check your garage for any damage or leaks to prevent water damage from storms.

After you've decluttered, it's time to organize your spring and summer lawn care and landscaping tools. If you're in need of some new and improved shelves and cabinets, consider buying and installing these storage solutions. A clean and organized garage will free up space, meaning that you can even use your garage to work on and store other outdoor projects.

By tackling these four outdoor cleanup tasks, you'll set yourself up for success for any landscaping and projects you've planned for spring and summer. Visit NorthernTool.com to view and purchase any tools and equipment you may need for completing these and other outdoor projects.



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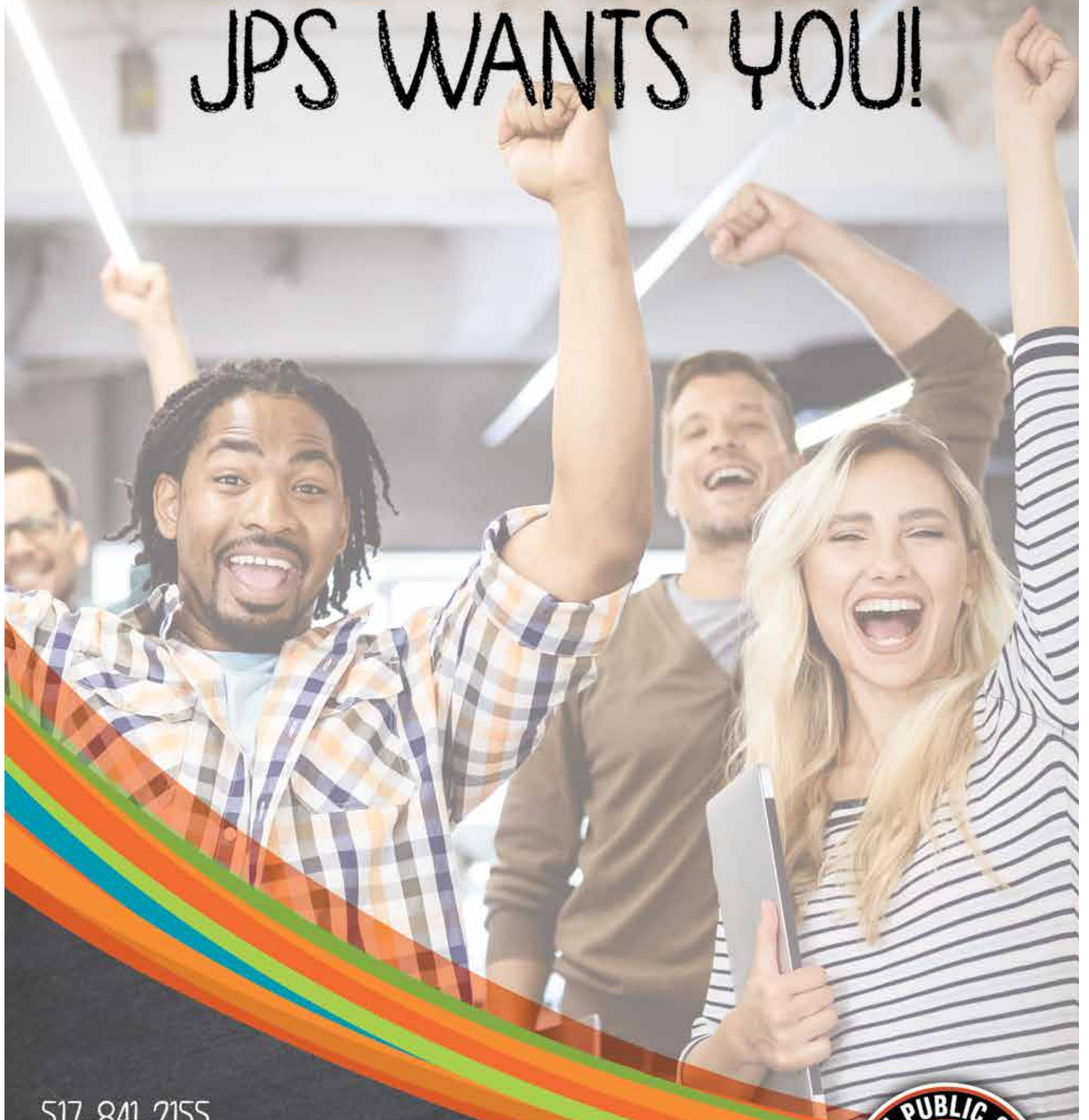
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