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City of Jackson Launches New Interactive Parks and Trails Map

*By Aaron Dimick,
City of Jackson Public
Information Officer*



Jackson residents looking to get outside this fall have a new tool to help them navigate local parks and trails. The new City Parks and Trails Interactive Map is now available online by visiting cityofjackson.org/parks.

By using the new web feature, residents can view an interactive map that displays all 28 City of Jackson public parks and four dedi-

cated pedestrian trails. Selecting a park or trail on the map takes users to a profile for that location, which includes an address, photos, and a description of what's available to use there, such as a playground, pavilion, or basketball court.

This innovation was completed earlier this summer by City staff looking for a better way to direct residents to parks and trails. Before the new guide was available, residents had to sift through an outdated PDF file on the City website to learn about park offerings.

Parks and Recreation Director Kelli Hoover says residents will benefit from

this improved City service. "There's no shortage of places in Jackson to exercise, enjoy nature and gather with the community, and this new map does an amazing job of showing all we have to offer," Hoover said. "The pandemic has shown us that access to outdoor recreation is vital to community health. Anything we can do to improve that access is beneficial for everyone in Jackson."

The interactive map is part of a revamped Parks and Recreation section of cityofjackson.org, which features a new layout, photos of recent programs, and an updated park and trail listing.

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Learn About Jackson’s History on a Cemetery Tour

By Val Herr

How much do you truly know about Jackson? How much do you know about its history and the people who thought not about their future but ours? What about names you recognize but don’t really know their stories, such as Ella Sharp, Austin Blair, and Captain Sparks? Many years ago, I had a desire to learn more about Jackson’s history and ensure those stories were not forgotten. A Walk-Through Jackson’s Past was created from that desire. Out of the many programs I’ve had the privilege to be a part of, this one is by far my favorite. Although I am not a part of this current offering, I don’t have the words to express how excited I am to see that Ella Sharp Museum is once



again offering this program. Friends, I encourage you to go on this tour. It is a walk through Jackson’s past, including well-known histories and histories I’m sure you’ve never heard anywhere before. From Ella Sharp Museum’s Facebook page:

Get into the Halloween spirit with a guided tour through Jackson’s oldest cemetery, Mt. Evergreen Cemetery. Hear about Jackson’s famous families, including Ella Merriman Sharp, Austin Blair, William Sparks, and some not as famous families such as Col.

Christian Rath, Dr. Ira C. Backus, and Lucy Thurman. This rich history will take you back to the first child born in Jackson that survived to adulthood, through the Civil War, and to the creation of Cascades Falls. This event, with three tour times, has a physical walk on a dirt path,

up and down hills. It is for ages eight and above. Cost: Non-member/\$15. ESM members/\$10. Visit the museum’s Featured Events page to register or call 517.787.2320 during business hours. Find more information at www.ellasharpmuseum.org.

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Jackson County Animal Shelter's Adoptable Pets: Apollo & Zulu

Contributed by the Jackson County Animal Shelter

Apollo

Meet Apollo, a four-year-old Bulldog mix. Apollo is primarily white with tan patches. He walks nicely on the leash and knows some basic commands. Apollo is not particularly fond of cats but is otherwise an affectionate, happy-go-lucky guy. Bulldogs are generally low-energy, infrequent barkers, and wonderful family pets.

Dog adoptions require an application that can be found online at <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8193/Dog-Adoption-Application-PDF>. The availability date is when the dog becomes JCAS property; any neces-

sary medical procedures may delay an adoption. A meet & greet with your dog is mandatory, and a cat room walk-through is available to test reaction. Dogs will go to approved applicants; the adoption fee is \$150 for medium/large dogs and \$250 for puppies/small dogs, which includes vaccinations, microchip, and sterilization.

Zulu

Zulu is a two-year-old male brown tiger domestic shorthair. He is a bit timid at the shelter and is trying to acclimate to all the new sounds and smells. He is quiet, calm, and loves to get cozy in his cat house. Won't you come meet this handsome green-eyed boy today at the Jackson County Animal Shelter, 3370 Spring

Arbor Rd., Jackson, Michigan? Cat Adoption Fees are \$60 for one cat and \$80 for two, including 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 the online cat application at <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/8194/Cat-Adoption-Application-PDF>. The document can be faxed to 517-780-4750 or emailed to animalshelter@mijackson.org. See our website for more information at mijackson.org/579/Animal-Shelter, and find us on Facebook or view all available pets on Petango.com. Current Shelter Hours are M, Tu, W, F, 10-4:30, Thu 10-7, and Sat 10-4.



Smart Connections: Encouraging Growth-Praise

Contributed by Community Action Agency

Praise and encouragement are parenting tools that can be used every day and don't cost a thing. By noticing the proper actions your child takes daily, you are building their self-confidence, which will benefit them forever. This not only applies to young children; children of all ages respond to encouragement!

Encouragement comes in different forms. You may use a non-verbal thumbs up to indicate you see their effort or a more specific statement such as, "you really helped your brother out today." By focusing on ef-

fort, your children develop a sense of pride in what they have accomplished.

While it is tempting to remind our children how they could do better or let go of our own past grievances, when we do, our child's self-esteem is strengthened, we gain their cooperation, and it makes us feel better as well.

Things to consider when you are praising a child:


- Notice effort
- Be consistent
- Do it often
- Be specific

• Don't forget to use nonverbal encouragement too. (Smile, thumbs up, wink)

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Jackson YMCA Provides Community Update on Planned New Y

By Bonnie Gretzner
Director of Marketing and Communications,
Jackson YMCA

Site preparation work for a new Jackson YMCA will begin in the coming weeks, as more than 40 Jackson community leaders received an update Wednesday from Y leadership and its capital campaign volunteer team. The site work signals the beginning of a long-awaited process, ultimately resulting in a new YMCA facility scheduled for completion at the end of 2024.

Site prep work includes the demolition of two long-standing, smaller buildings on W. Wesley and Mechanic streets, as well as other preliminary site work prior to the formal start of construction scheduled for spring 2023. In May this year, Y leadership and volunteers celebrated surpassing the original \$25 million capital campaign goal, the largest ever for a YMCA in Michigan.

New Y Design

Throughout the summer, Jackson Y volunteer and staff leadership have worked closely with construction manager Granger Construction Co., architect/engineer Bergmann, and Gro Development, a national leader in the de-

velopment, design, and management of YMCAs on finetuning the schematics and timeline for a new Y that combines new construction with adaptive reuse of portions of the existing facility. As previously announced, co-located partners in the new Y include Henry Ford Jackson Hospital and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

“A great deal of work has been happening behind the scenes this summer, and it’s exciting to now be able to share plans for the new Y,” said Jackson YMCA CEO Shawna Tello. “The facility will be accessible for those with limited mobility, feature open sightlines, and enable us to not only provide our current programs and services but also to expand our offerings to better serve the community.”

Notable new design features include:

- Natural light: The facility will be much brighter, from windows overlooking the parking lot in the wellness center to windows and a viewing area to the pools.
- New kids’ area: The current climbing wall space will be doubled to include new play space and equipment for kids; in addition, plans call for an outdoor play structure.
- A youth Science, Tech-

nology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) lab and licensed childcare.

- An enhanced Aquatics Center, including updated equipment and improved lighting/accessibility.

- The design is scalable, so space and equipment can be added in phases with additional funding.

“The project is not just designing and building a new facility; it’s about creating a space that fosters connection and support, providing necessary health and wellness and family services that will allow the people of Jackson to thrive in the decades to come,” said Bergmann Principal Buddy Huyler. “This new facility will be designed to deliver programs and support that can be accessed by ALL.”

Construction Timeline

In late 2021, the Jackson YMCA announced it was pivoting from all-new construction to a combination of a new build and redevelopment of the current facility.

“Over the past two years, the U.S. construction industry has been buffeted by unprecedented increases in material costs, supply-chain bottlenecks, and a tight labor market,” said Jeff

Havranek, senior project manager for Granger. While the Jackson YMCA has had a similar experience, “it is resilience and adaptability that continues to keep the Jackson YMCA project moving forward.”

Working closely with Bergmann and with the design and planning proceeding as scheduled, the Granger team is targeting a few key milestones for the construction phase:

- Publishing bidding documents to trade partners in early 2023
- Beginning construction in spring 2023
- Completing work by the end of 2024

During construction, portions of the building will be required to be isolated from existing YMCA operations to provide safe access to the work areas and maintain a safe environment for ongoing use of the facility. Granger Construction remains committed to “limiting the disruption of YMCA operations as much as practical while prioritizing the safety of all facility users, YMCA staff, and construction personnel,” Havranek said.

Campaign Coffee Hours

To share the Y’s vision

for a better Jackson and to answer questions, CEO Shawna Tello will continue the “community coffee hours” she held this summer. The coffee hours enable attendees to ask questions about the YMCA’s capital campaign, Y membership, programming, or other topics. Coffee and conversation with Shawna Tello will be available at the Jackson YMCA:

- Thursday, Sept. 22, 9 am
- Thursday, Oct. 20, noon
- Thursday, Nov. 17, 4 pm

For more information, visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.

About the Jackson YMCA

Since 1896 the Jackson YMCA has worked to provide opportunities for individuals of 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. A volunteer board of directors provides leadership to the Association, a member of the national organization: The YMCA of the USA. Visit www.JacksonYMCA.org.



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By Ann Green, League of Women Voters Jackson Area

When you vote for the people who want to represent us and for issues that affect us, it looks like you. There are plenty of places in the world where people have no right or limited rights to vote. When we vote, we are working to make the country look like us.

With all there is to think and worry about these days, voting may not be at the top

of our list – behind feeding our family, fueling our car, and getting or managing our job. Yet, voting affects all the worries we have. If you think it's too complicated, takes too much time, or that it is hard to find out what candidates stand for or even what issues are on the ballot, the answer is – it isn't.

You can find out who's running and what they stand for by going online to one single place: Vote411.org

Then what? Yes, you must register to vote, and you can do it in less than two minutes on Vote411. The last day to register online or by mail is October 24th. If you've forgotten or put it off (it happens), you can still register to vote in person on Election Day.

On the same site – Vote411 - you can find out what's on the ballot, where to vote, and when to vote. By the way, Election Day is Tuesday, November 8th, but

if you can't get away to vote on that day, get an absentee ballot before November 4th. How? Vote411 will walk you through the process. It's simple because voting should be simple.

Now, how about the candidates and the issues? All candidates are invited to share their ideas about important issues in their own words on Vote411. To allow everyone to access the information, Vote 411 has information presented in

Spanish and English and is even available on a paper copy. Do explore more, but what you've read are the essentials.

Don't have a computer? Confounded by technology? Just want someone to go through this with you? The Jackson District Library can help! Give them a call or walk into the branch nearest you. We vote to support the library, and they support us.

Together we make democracy look like us.

The Lost Railway Museum

Announces New Executive Director

Contributed by the
Lost Railway Museum

We are pleased to announce that Kim Conant has accepted the Executive Director position at the Lost Railway Museum. Kim will officially assume her Executive Director duties on October 1, 2022.

Kim is a graduate of Spring Arbor University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a minor in Business

Administration. Kim has worked in the not-for-profit sector for 15 years and has 20 years of fundraising experience and event planning. For 13 years, she was the President/Executive Director of the Jackson Civil War Society and led the organizing of the Jackson Civil War Muster.

We are excited to have Kim on board and to welcome her to the Lost Railway Museum team.

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Northwest Student Poetry

Contributed by
Nick Gaffney,
Northwest Schools

My name is Nick Gaffney, and I teach English Literature and Composition at Northwest High School. Through working and talking with the students at Northwest, I've discovered

that there are outstanding poets, storytellers, artists, and essayists at the school. The work of these brilliant students is so outstanding that I felt compelled to share it, and the Jackson Area Collaborative Knowledge Source helps to make that possible each month.

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Traveling With You

By Abigail Warner

traveling with you.
i find myself looking back to find our misdirection
pinpoint where did we take that wrong turn?
was it a left, because nothing with you felt right,
but maybe it was because i was blinded by the brights
in the opposing person's headlights.

i would never tell you how it hurt,
maybe i need something checked in this car
because my horn won't work.
man, my dad always told me driving would be tough,
maybe he should have clarified these edges being so rough.

i didn't want the street to have a dead end,
i didn't want the sign to read stop.
it came to me clear that all i wanted was that other car,
but even in the distance he'd driven too far.

my car was damaged, maybe dented too deep.
it wasn't my call
it was the other car's speed.

i don't want to meet another car so bent out of shape.
he ran the red light, and i couldn't escape.

we have reached our final destination.

Abigail Warner is a sophomore at Northwest High School. With a passion for writing, she writes both for fun and for the school newspaper and pursues photography on the side. She hopes to turn her passion into a profession through studying education in college and moving forward to teach ELA.

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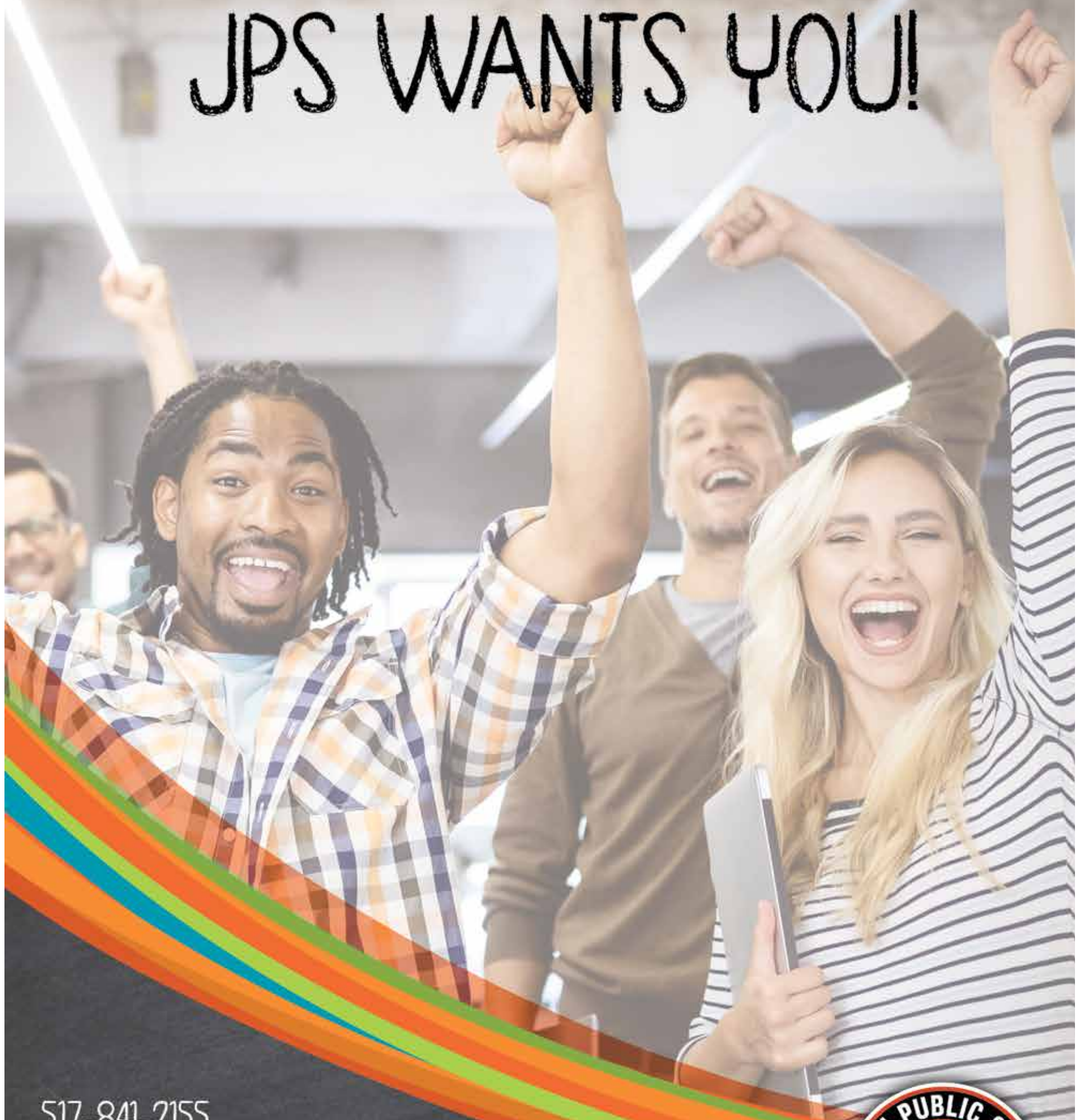


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Requirements:
• Application (found on sponsor website) and Résumé
• Letter of Recommendation from either a college/university professor or a professional in the event industry
• Essay (minimum 250 words) covering the following topics:
1) Explanation of interest in the Destination Management/Event Management industry.
2) Explanation of knowledge or experience in the Destination Management/Event Management field.
3) Focus of study and goals.
4) How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your stated goals.
5) What is the last event you attended? What did you like about it? What would you do differently?
*All documents should be submitted in English.
Award: \$1,000
Deadline: November 1,

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Application: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/high-school-students/scholarships-for-high-school-seniors/sportsmanship-in-esports-scholarship>

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Award: \$250,000
Deadline: November 9, 2022 at 8:00 pm EST
Application: <https://student.societyforscience.org/regeneron-sts>

Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest

Eligibility: The Chick & Sophie Major Memorial Scholarship Duck Calling Contest is open to any high school senior in the United States who can call ducks. During its 43-year history, the renowned contest has awarded more than \$60,000 in scholarships to young duck callers attending 32 different colleges and universities in 13 different states.
Award: \$1,063
Deadline: November 29, 2022
Application: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/weird/weird-scholarships/chick-and-sophie-major-memorial-duck-calling-scholarship-contest/4047>

Education Matters Scholarship

Eligibility:
• Must be a legal resident of the United States.
• Must be at least 14 years of age.
• Must be currently enrolled or will be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution of higher education by the year 2027.
Description: Submit an online short written response (250 words or less) for the question: "What would you say to someone who thinks education doesn't matter, or that college is a waste of time and money?"
Award: \$5,000
Deadline: November 30, 2022
Application: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

Jackson Area Career Center Announces New Assistant Principal

Contributed by Jackson Area Career Center

The Jackson Area Career Center has announced a new Assistant Principal on staff for the 2022-23 school year.

Lauren Kyser officially started her new position on Wednesday, September 21. Mrs. Kyser previously held the role of Assistant Principal at Hanover Horton High School. In this new role, Mrs. Kyser will focus on the staff and curriculum side of things. Assistant Principal Lauren Sager will continue to support student services.

“We’re excited for Lauren Kyser to be here at the Career Center,” said Principal Dan Draper. “She has a lot of energy and knowledge and is a very determined individual who is going to help us grow as a building and help us grow as a staff. We’re just really excited for her to be a part of the Career Center family.”

Mrs. Kyser has a back-

ground in English Language and Literature from the University of Michigan and Central Connecticut State University. Previous to her role as Assistant Principal at Hanover-Horton, Mrs. Kyser taught high school English for 16 years at Western High School, Michigan Center High School, and a couple of schools in Avon, Connecticut.

Mrs. Kyser says she’s most looking forward to immersing herself in the programs and seeing kids at their best while they’re here. “You get to see them doing what they love, which is so much different than what they have to do,” said Mrs. Kyser. “Every kid who walks through the door is happy to be here, and it’s just so different and fun. The Career Center is really different from when I went to school, so I’m really curious and excited to see all the programs in action.”



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It’s Time to Move

By Jean McKim,
Imagine Planet

Well, it is finally here. After almost five years here on Michigan Ave, we are moving to a new, bigger space. Our new address will be 730 Tomlinson St, which is the location of the old Tomlinson elementary school. It is located near the intersection of Page and Elm, north of Page and south of Pringle, a few blocks to the east of Elm. From now until Saturday, October 15th we will be closed, and upon moving to our new address, we will be keeping the same hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 12 pm to 5 pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

We are partnering with Isaiah’s Hub, as well as several other nonprofits in the building, and are very excited to be able to offer programs together. We also plan to have special theme days again, probably starting in January 2023. Let us know what themes you are interested in! In the past, we have had Earth and Space Science Day, Chemistry Day, Snake Day, Fossil Day, and Rock the Tortoise Day.

As always, Imagine Planet will be free to the public and will not have activity fees. There is no fee to give the parrots peanuts or to feed the small turtles. Additionally, there is a city bus stop nearby, and several school bus stops as well. We have done our best to consider accessibility, with a ramp to the entrance and interior layout. However, the bathrooms are not wheelchair accessible at this time.

There is a Facebook fundraiser set up until October 30th to help with mov-

ing costs. Costs include a Uhaul truck, new bedding and cleaning for all cages, as well as unforeseen needs. Facebook does not charge fees for nonprofits, and every dollar comes to us. Donations will also be used to upgrade animal habitats and enrichment materials. Our gift shop will be open on October 15th, so come do your holiday shopping with us. All of our items are \$15 or less, with many items at one or two dollars. Any profits support our animals.
Set aside October 15th! It is going to be amazing!



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