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## ***9<sup>th</sup> Annual Parkridge Summer Festival and Joe Dulin Community Day to Celebrate Local Music and Community Resources on August 24<sup>th</sup>***

*Live music from 11am–6pm; Non-profit resource tent open from 12-2:30pm*

**Ypsilanti, MI** – Every year, a group of local residents spend their time and resources to organize Parkridge Summer Festival. They partner with the Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) to bring together 60 government and social service agencies to provide resources to residents as part of Joe Dulin Community Day. In addition to providing local resources, this daylong event features a variety of local food and merchandise vendors, a series of back-to-school giveaways, youth activities, and several performances by local musicians. Held in Parkridge Park in Ypsilanti, the festival is free and open to the public.

“Whether you come to connect to resources, listen to great local music, or spend time eating food with neighbors, this festival is always a great day for our community,” said **Washtenaw County Commissioner and Parkridge Summerfest Committee Member, Ricky Jefferson**.

### **Festival Highlights:**

#### *Vendors:*

More than 60 government agencies and non-profits organizations and over a dozen merchandise vendors will be on-site. The community service agencies will be offering a variety of free giveaways and services including health screenings, backpacks, bike repairs, and more. The merchandise vendors will feature local foods, sweets, jewelry, and other crafts. Applications for merchant booths will be accepted until the day before the festival. Interested parties can contact Cherisa Allen at [cherisaallen@gmail.com](mailto:cherisaallen@gmail.com) for an application and more information.

#### *Music Lineup*

Local musicians will be on stage throughout the day, with acts starting at 11 am and concluding around 6pm. Acts include, but are not limited to:

- John E. Lawrence Band (headlining act – scheduled to begin around 4:30pm)
- John Addie
- Fantastic Four
- Van Logan
- Alecia Reynolds and the First Groove Band
- Kid Jay
- Breathe Easy Music Group
- Eddie Hughes
- Ypsilanti Community Schools Choir

#### Giveaways and Special Events

- 50/50 Raffles
- Back-to-school giveaways (TVs, backpacks, school supplies, bicycles)
- Youth Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments
- Honoring of local police officers by Commissioner Ricky Jefferson.

**Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)** is a government agency committed to stepping out of traditional government roles to drive long-term system changes that increase equity and opportunity for all residents. Each year OCED partners with the **Parkridge Summer Festival Committee**, a group of local residents spending their own time and resources, to make this event possible.

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