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8TH ANNUAL PARKRIDGE SUMMER FESTIVAL SEEKS VENDORS FOR AUG. 25 COMMUNITY EVENT

Goal of 30 local merchants and 60 non-profits to provide Washtenaw County residents resources

WASHTENAW COUNTY, MI., Aug. 9, 2018 – **The Parkridge Summer Festival and Joe Dulin Community Day is Saturday, Aug. 25th from 11am-6pm at Parkridge Park in Ypsilanti (591 Armstrong Drive).**

To provide a wide variety of community resources to Washtenaw County residents attending the festival; the Parkridge Summer Festival Steering Committee is seeking additional merchant and non-profit vendors. Currently, 13 merchant vendors and 50 non-profit vendors are registered. The committee's goal is an additional 17 merchant vendors and 10 non-profit vendors.

Booth space is free for non-profits, \$75 for non-food vendors and \$100 for food vendors. The festival is open to local vendors offering food, artwork, crafts, homemade wares, etc. Non-profit vendors must provide social services within Washtenaw County.

To register for a merchant booth: email Cherisa Allen at cherisaallen@gmail.com for an application.

To register for a non-profit booth: complete an online form at <https://goo.gl/forms/6PIO3v9QETzR9Lp53>.

Festival co- sponsors:

- Washtenaw Community College
- Ypsilanti Community Schools
- Harry G. Parks Lodge #1681/Ypsilanti Elks

Festival highlights:

- back-to-school giveaways and raffles
- free entertainment with Lady Sunshine and the X Band headlining
- visit from the Ypsilanti fire engine (**Ypsilanti Fire Department**)
- free bike helmet giveaways and bicycle repair (**Ypsi Bike Co-Op**)

- youth activities and games (**Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office**)
- new Parkridge Community Center wall mural redesign (**Youth Arts Alliance**)
- face painting, tie-dying and hula hooping (**EMU School of Social Work /VISION volunteers**)
- chef demonstrations (**Blue Cross Complete of Michigan**)
- blood pressure screenings (**U of M Ypsilanti Health Center**)

The Festival is a partnership between **Parkridge Community Center** and the **Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED)** to provide Washtenaw County residents information on available community resources.

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