

## VISION 2020 is Making Things Happen

Some of you may have noticed the garden boxes that NorthWest Initiative's youth group hand constructed and sold at the Westside Summer Fest this year. The remaining boxes will be donated to a dozen designated households in the VISION 2020 area.



Vision 2020 would also like to inform you that **September 26<sup>th</sup>** is "Let's-Fix-It-Together" day. Homes have already been selected, but residents in the area are welcomed to borrow tools from the H.E.R.O Tool Truck, stationed near the Letts Community Center.

Donations of non-perishable food and personal items are also being requested for Vision 2020's food drive, beginning **September 18<sup>th</sup>** and continuing through the month of **October**. Keep in mind that the next two VISION 2020 resident meetings will be held **September 30<sup>th</sup>** & **October 30<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 - 5:30pm at the Letts Community Center, located at 1220 W. Kalamazoo St. in Lansing. These meetings have a variety of wonderful information that will help you get ahead with your home projects! For more information, contact Janine at (517) 999-2894 or e-mail her at [janine@nwlansing.org](mailto:janine@nwlansing.org).

## Feature Business: Scribbles & Giggles

Are you looking for after school childcare in the fall? Scribbles & Giggles Child Care Learning Center is a year round childcare center for children 2 weeks to 12 years old. They are open Monday thru Friday from 6:00am to 6:00pm. Scribbles and Giggles is especially unique because it is the only facility of its kind in the Westside, with seven developmentally appropriate classrooms, an indoor gym, and experienced staff that are First Aid and CPR certified. Scribbles and Giggles is located in the beautiful and historic Verlinden Elementary school at **609 N. Verlinden St.** If you would like more information on taking a tour or how to enroll your child in any of their programs, stop by or contact owner Brynn Kelley at **(517) 482-1551**. You can also visit their website at [www.scribblesandgiggleschildcare.com](http://www.scribblesandgiggleschildcare.com).

## Attention Ingham Health Plan Member



Have you had your first Doctors Appointment? If not, we can help you get established with your assigned doctor or clinic. Did you also know that if you don't use your card you might lose your benefits. So let us help you get that first doctors appointment, just call Maria for an appointment at **(517) 999-2895** or email her at [maria@nwlansing.org](mailto:maria@nwlansing.org).

## Change Can Be a Good Thing!

NorthWest Initiative is abound with changes! First, we would like to welcome **Rick Bennett** - our new Experience Works employee as well as our new interns - **Lauren Baker, Margenia Carew, Chris Garrett, Robert Hutting and Shamidah Wyden**. Second, we would like to say good bye to **Heta Mehta, Diego Oquindo, Quentin VanHorn and Laura Woltanski**. You were a great asset to our team and will be greatly missed! Thirdly, **NWI will be completely changing the look and frequency of the newsletter**. This newsletter will be the first to go out bi-monthly. Starting in November, the newsletter will consist of eight pages and have much more information!

## Upcoming Events

### Lansing 150 LaborFest

Riverfront Park; 11:00am  
Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> FREE  
Live bands, children's activity areas, an ice cream social tent, and an exhibit area for laborers; Check out <http://www.lansing150.com/index.php/EventSignature.html> for more details.

### Old Town BluesFest

Old Town; FREE  
Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>; 4:00pm - 12:30am  
& Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>; 2:00pm - 12:30am  
Check out <http://www.oldtownarts.org> for more details.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Old Town Oktoberfest

Old Town  
Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 - 11:00pm  
& Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 10:00pm  
\$13 in advance/one day, \$25 weekend-pass;  
Age 21+ Only; Check out <http://www.oldtownoktoberfest.com/> for more details.

### Boo at the Zoo

Potter Park Zoo; both days - 12:00 - 4:00pm  
Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
Regular admission rates apply!  
Goodies, cider, animals, hayrides, the boo tunnel; Check out [www.potterparkzoo.org](http://www.potterparkzoo.org) for more details.

### September/October Food Resource Dates

#### Angel Food Ministries

Place orders in the middle of the month and pick up at the end of the month.  
Call Julie @ **(517) 485 - 0174**  
(Must enroll prior to distribution)

#### Great Food for All

Place orders at the beginning of the month and pick up in the middle of the month.  
Call Jack @ **(517) 374 - 2650**  
(Must enroll prior to distribution)

#### Food Movers Distribution

September 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
October 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11 -12 pm  
NorthWest Initiative  
(Must enroll prior to distribution)  
**1012 N. Walnut St. Ste 107; Lansing**  
**(517) 482-1270**  
**(517) 999-2894**

#### NorthWest Initiative

(Panera supplemental Bread Location)  
Thursdays; 12:00-4:00 pm,  
**1012 N. Walnut St. Ste 107; Lansing**  
**(517) 999-2894**

#### Letts Community Center

(Supplemental Bread Location)  
Monday-Thursday; 12:00-6:00 pm,  
Letts Community Center  
**1220 W Kalamazoo St; Lansing**  
**(517) 483-4311**