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### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to cultivate and strengthen a sense of community and an improved quality of life for the residents of Vine.

### IMPACT STATEMENT

Impact Statement We strive to accomplish this by distributing resources, advocating for our residents, managing properties equitably, and supporting local artists and innovators.

[www.vineneighborhood.org](http://www.vineneighborhood.org)

THE VINE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



VINE LINE

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### New Business Opening: 505 W. Vine “Pressin Custom Tee’s”

Please Welcome DeAruis Hooper to the Vine Neighborhood! The new business owner will focus on his own clothing line, as well as custom clothing for other creatives/businesses in the area. DeAruis says he wants his business to always be open to new ideas as well as finding opportunities to be involved in the events and community within the Neighborhood. “I’m very familiar with the Vine Neighborhood. I’ve been around it for years (DeAruis is a Kalamazoo graduate). Vine has a great atmosphere and I think it will be a great place to take my business to the next level, as well as open my mind to new ideas.” DeAruis hopes to work with local artists to make their dreams come to life in a retail environment. Services will include but not limited to: Sublimation Print, 3D Sublimation Print, Custom Print Shirts-Hoodies-Apparel for all-Logos-Embroidery

## Vine Artist Critique Night

- Second Friday of each month, 5-7:30pm at the VNA - 806 S Westnedge
- Bring a piece of artwork for show, tell, and feedback
- Light refreshments provided- feel free to bring something to share!



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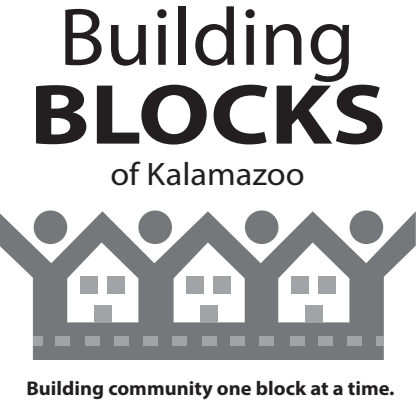
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The Heart of the Vine is home to many non-profit and community-led organizations:

The Arc Community Advocates  
HOPE Thru Navigation  
Teaching Assistants Union at WMU  
Read And Write Kalamazoo (RAWK)

Vine Neighborhood Association  
Autism Society of Kalamazoo  
WMU Professional Instructors Organization  
PACCT Board

VNA's 2022 Featured Non-Profits



Building Blocks of Kalamazoo

Building Blocks provides neighborhoods in Kalamazoo with organizational and financial support to complete a variety of revitalization projects, from clean-ups to major and minor exterior street-level renovations and repairs, to community gardens and vibrant curbscaping. Building Blocks projects help neighbors meet each other, build and strengthen social capital, resilience, civic engagement, and individual and collective leadership, while improving the exterior look of houses as well as the overall street. Building Blocks' Catalyst Site for 2021 is Park Place from Park St. to Vine St. to S Westnedge Ave. This site was selected as a link between two quadrants of previous catalyst sites with the hope of unifying and sustaining improvements throughout a larger area of the neighborhood. Contact Building Blocks online at [bbkazoo.org/contact-us](http://bbkazoo.org/contact-us) by phone at (269) 823-3484 or e-mail [info@bbkazoo.org](mailto:info@bbkazoo.org) if you'd like to sign up as a volunteer!

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**Call:** 373-5211 | **Email:** [hhwcenter@kalcounty.com](mailto:hhwcenter@kalcounty.com)  
For detailed materials accepted and FREE recycling participation areas.

**HOURS:** Tues. & Fri. 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Wed. 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
2nd Sat. 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. (closed in Aug. & Sept. on Sat.)  
1301 Lamont Ave. - Next to Fairgrounds

Do you want to get more involved in Vine? Volunteer for one of our VNA committees!

- Community Cares** - looking out for each other in coordination with KDPS liaison officer
- Equity** - organize and strategize to lift up vulnerable populations
- Events** - planning the fun things
- Finance** - make decisions about how to use our financial resources
- Fundraising** - the wonderful word of grant writing
- Housing** - advocating for fair housing in the neighborhood
- Property Management** - make decisions about how to manage and use our properties
- Technology** - developing and maintaining our virtual outreach

Contact us at [info@vineneighborhood.org](mailto:info@vineneighborhood.org) to find out more!  
Sign up for VNA communications using the form at [bit.ly/3sn0Qb6](https://bit.ly/3sn0Qb6) or scan this QR code:



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Who Do I Call:

Call 211 for referrals for assistance with housing, utilities, food; also, for crisis intervention and suicide prevention.

Community Planning and Development

- 337.8026 | Dangerous / Vacant Buildings
- 337.8026 | Building Permits and Inspections
- 337.8026 | Code Compliance
- 337.8221 | Trash Violations
- 337.8804 | Historic Preservation Resource
- 337.8026 | Rental Inspections / Certifications
- 337.8847 | Tall Grass / Weed Violations (Hotline)
- 337.8026 | Zoning Ordinance Issues and Regulations

Public Safety

- 337.8994 | Junk / Abandoned Cars
- 337.8994 | Non-Emergency Dispatch
- 343.2100 | Silent Observer

Parks and Recreation

- 337.8191 | Recreation Program Information
- 337.8994 | Illegal Activity, Wildlife Abuse (Non-Emergency)

Frequently Requested, Non-City Services

- 383.8775 | Animal Control
- 373.5211 | Hazardous Waste Center
- Call Consumers Energy at 1.800.477.5050 for Streetlights, Power Problems, and Downed Power Lines.

Housing Resources

- Homelessness Prevention**  
269.382.0287 | **Housing Resources Inc. (HRI)**  
[www.housingresourcesinc.org](http://www.housingresourcesinc.org)

- 517.275.2791 | **Housing Opportunities for persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**

- 269.343.6064 | **Open Doors**  
[www.opendoorskalamazoo.org](http://www.opendoorskalamazoo.org)  
[office@odkzoo.com](mailto:office@odkzoo.com)

- 269.364.6947 | **KCMHSA Housing**  
Finding homes for families and individuals impacted by mental illness

Tenants Rights

- 886.637.0733 | **Fair Housing Center of Southwest Michigan**  
[www.fhcswm.org](http://www.fhcswm.org)  
Investigates housing discrimination

- 888.783.8190 | **Legal Aid of Western Michigan**

- 269.903.9624 | **Greater Kalamazoo Renters Union**  
[greaterkzoorenters@gmail.com](mailto:greaterkzoorenters@gmail.com)

Home Ownership and Low Income Homeowner Repairs

- 269.344.2443 | **Habitat for Humanity**  
[www.habitatkalamazoo.org](http://www.habitatkalamazoo.org)  
Homeownership assistance and repairs

- 269.998.3275 | **Community Home Works**  
[www.communityhomeworks.org](http://www.communityhomeworks.org)  
Critical home repair, weatherization and education

- 269.385.2916 | **Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services (KNHS)**  
[www.knhs.org](http://www.knhs.org)  
Home buyer assistance and roof repair

VNA Board of Directors:

- Jeremy Terpening, *Chair*  
(term expires 2023)
- Brendan Molony, *Co-Vice Chair*  
(term expires 2023)
- Gwendolyn Hooker, *Co-Vice Chair*  
(appointed Special Director)
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(term expires 2024)
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(term expires 2023)
- Ellen Nelson (term expires 2022 May)
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- Elizabeth Smith
- Daniel Staggs
- Stefanie Nabors
- Dustin Black

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## Meet the New Historic Preservation Coordinator



Hello, my name is **Luis Pena** and I was recently hired as the Historic Preservation Coordinator for the City of Kalamazoo. A lifelong Kalamazoo resident, the Westwood neighborhood was my home growing up. I attended Kalamazoo Public Schools and was a proud recipient of the full Kalamazoo Promise scholarship. After graduating from Kalamazoo Central, I attended Western Michigan University and earned a bachelor's degree in English with a focus on rhetoric and writing studies along with a music minor. I was very fortunate to work as an AmeriCorps member with the City of Kalamazoo's Community Planning and Economic Development department after finishing up my undergraduate degree. As an AmeriCorps member, I learned about the positive change that could be made through Community planning, while also discovering historic preservation. When I learned that a profession existed at the intersection of Community Planning and history, local history in particular, I became very interested and was urged to pursue Historic Preservation academically. Once my AmeriCorps service term expired, I enrolled at Eastern Michigan University to earn a master's degree in Historic Preservation. At the conclusion of my graduate studies, I was hired by the city and was thrilled to return to my hometown, as a citizen and an employee. It is my hope that as the Historic Preservation Coordinator I can work to share a more inclusive history of the city, while also making historic spaces and resources equitable and inclusive through preservation.

### **Below are some resources for local history and historic preservation:**

- Historic Preservation in Kalamazoo: <https://www.kalamazoo-city.org/historicpreservation>
- Maps of Historic Districts in Kalamazoo: <https://www.kalamazoo-city.org/historicdistrictmaps>
- Historic District Standards and Guidelines: <https://www.kalamazoo-city.org/hdcstandards>
- Old House Owners Workshop Practical and Historical videos on <https://www.Publicmedianet.org>
- Federal Standards for Rehabilitation: <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation.htm>
- Publications from the Kalamazoo Historic Preservation Commission
- Kalamazoo: Nineteenth-century Homes in a Midwestern Village (1976)
- Walking Through Time: A Pictorial Guide to Historic Kalamazoo (1981)
- Kalamazoo Lost and Found (2001)
- History page from the Kalamazoo Public Library: <https://kpl.gov/local-history/Kalamazoo-history>
- Michigan Historic Preservation Network: <https://www.mhpn.org/>
- State Historic Preservation Office: <https://www.miplace.org/historic-preservation/>

**CAN-DO**  
KALAMAZOO

**Same Support**

**Bigger Ideas**

Can-Do Kitchen is now Can-Do Kalamazoo, your one-stop enterprise hub and business incubator in the greater Kalamazoo area.

[candokalamazoo.org](http://candokalamazoo.org)

Have an idea for a business or ready to take your current business to the next level, but not sure where to start?

### **Can-Do Kalamazoo is your place!**

Using our entrepreneurial roadmap, we can guide you through the entire startup process, help you build a network of support, and make crucial connections to professionals in your industry. Get started now to identify your next steps and access resources to get there at **[candokalamazoo.org](http://candokalamazoo.org)**!

## EVENTS

The Vine Neighborhood Events calendar is now live and available online. With our goal of increased access in mind, we have updated our website to show the community events planned by the Neighborhood Association. If you would like to add and host an event. Please email us directly at [info@vineneighborhood.org](mailto:info@vineneighborhood.org) Subject EVENT.

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# September in the Vine



## **September 9: Art Hop**

VNA, 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Featuring the works of Alexander Ladd!  
Light refreshments provided.

## **September 16: Vine Artist Critique Night**

VNA board room, 5pm - 7:30pm

Bring a piece of art for show, tell, and feedback.

## **September 17: TomFest**

Davis Street Park, 2pm - 9pm

A celebration of bicycling, community, and music in the Vine! Featuring Zelenople, Via Ferrata, Wowza in Kalamazoo, GlassGod, Honeybear, and Antlercat. Food and drink available for purchase. Bring your bike for a scheduled bike ride!

## **September 22: Neighborhood Silent Reading Party**

VNA parking lot, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Bring a chair, bring a book, and enjoy!  
Featuring RAWK, KPL, and the Barbershop @ Vine