

Do you have a story?

The NewsOutlet.org wants to hear your stories.

TheNewsOutlet.org wants to talk to you about the unique challenges and opportunities you face as residents of Youngstown. We want to tell stories that call attention to under-reported issues and concerns. We want them to be stories that matter most to you.

- Maybe you live in a neighborhood where your children have to play indoors because of neighborhood violence.
- Perhaps you have noticed that the sidewalks in your neighborhood are uneven and barely passable while those on another side of town are perfect and nearly crack-free.

What is TheNewsOutlet.org?

TheNewsOutlet.org, a partnership between Youngstown State University's journalism major, The Vindicator and WYSU seeks to give students hands-on experience reporting, writing and producing stories for use by professional media.

In addition to giving students incredible experience, the partnerships also gives two local media organizations incredible content to share with readers. All of this is designed to make Mahoning Valley residents better informed.

So, here is the plan for how we will first find and then tell those stories:

- ✓ Youngstown State University NewsOutlet.org students will meet with area residents to talk about possible stories. We will then produce a list of possible stories to be reported and developed.
- ✓ We will post the story ideas to various websites, including Vindy.com and TheNewsOutlet.org as well as area library home pages.
- ✓ We will conduct a public awareness campaign to encourage Valley residents to vote for the stories they would like to see be reported and published or broadcast.
- ✓ TheNewsOutlet.org will report and produce the stories with the most votes for use by its professional media partners and TheNewsOutlet.org itself.