

# What's Happening This Summer in McLaughlin

## MNA Monthly Meetings:

- Monday, June 21, 2010
- Monday, July 19, 2010
- Monday, August 16, 2010

All at the Bethany Church Parish House, Meetings start @ 6pm

## Community Wide:

**Sundaes on Wednesdays at Bethany Church** - The evening begins with a Bible study for all ages at 6:00 pm and ends with ice cream sundaes at 7:00 pm.

**August 3rd** - National Night Out - Meet at Park at 6:00 pm

## For Youth & Children:

### **Summer Youth Experience:**

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM - 1:00PM beginning June 22nd and ending July 29th. Breakfast and lunch are included. The Summer Youth Experience includes dancing, life skills, Bible lessons, and games for those ages 5 through 18. Held at Agape Christian Fellowship Center, 1155 Terrace St. Contact: Deacon Bonita Jackson at 728-1520

### **McLaughlin Area Congregations VBS's (Vacation Bible Schools):**

Hope Lighthouse (corner of Wood St & Irwin St)ø  
July 26-30, 6:30-8:30 PM, all ages welcome

New Life Christian Center, 1624 Hoyt St.  
July 26-30, 5:30-7:30 PM, ages 5-12

### **McLaughlin Summer CATCH**

#### **(Community Acting Towards Children's Health) Camp:**

Every Monday through Friday from 1-3PM each day at the McLaughlin Park (corner of Terrace & Isabella). Beginning on June 21st and ending August 13th. Must be registered to participate. Registration forms will be available the first week of camp.

For children ages 5-12. Weekly experiences involving: dance, soccer camp, basketball camp, sketch/drawing, visual arts, nutrition, music, & photography! Questions: Contact Charlotte Johnson at 750-6072

### **Summer Baseball Clinic at Marsh Field**

These 2 separate 4-day clinics will focus on all aspects of the game and will be held outdoors at Marsh Field in Muskegon Michigan. Coaches will go over hitting, fielding, pitching, throwing, base running and more! Games will also be played if there are enough players!

Clinic 1 - Monday - Thursday June 21-24  
Ages 7-14, 9:30am-12:00pm

Clinic 2 - Monday - Thursday July 12-15  
Ages 7-14, 9:30am-12:00pm

### **Summer Softball Clinic at Marsh Field**

This 4 day softball clinic instructed by Matt Houseman and some of the National Champion MCC Jayhawk players will cover all parts of the game of Softball from hitting, to throwing and pitching, to base running, fielding and more! It will be held at the Muskegon Community College softball field. This clinic is a great way to keep practicing and improving your game all summer long!

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Space is limited in all clinics, so please call us at Extra Innings to reserve your spot today! 231-799-8172

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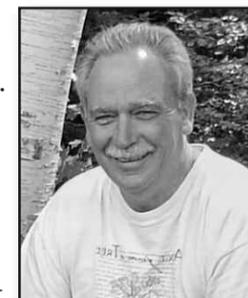
# The McLaughlin Report



*from the desk...*

## *Dare to Care*

Each of us has chosen to care for those we love and cherish. These efforts have afforded us the warmth and companionship of those who return that care and concern. Sometimes we choose to care for ourselves and our possessions which causes us to continuously look in the mirror to make sure we are "Lookin' Good". There is certainly nothing wrong with taking good care of ourselves and keeping our bodies and minds healthy but when we focus upon ourselves and our possessions, we put aside those who are much more important.



*Tom Pastoor*

I would ask you to look at your neighbors and DARE TO CARE about them. They are in your immediate world and so many of us have chosen to focus upon ourselves and have turned a blind eye to those in our midst. Because of fear; Because we are different; Because we may not think our expressions of care and concern will be accepted, we stay unto ourselves. This self-inflicted isolation is the main reason we continue to see hate and violence in our world. We would not be so quick to find fault with others if we only knew each other and took the time to be neighbors. True neighborliness requires personal concern and care for others.

We have obligations to follow laws and rules and some of those obligations are enforced by the police and the courts. As Dr. Martin Luther King reminded us in his sermon about "Being a Good Neighbor", "The most important obligations that we have to each other are unenforceable. They concern inner attitudes, genuine person-to-person relations, and expressions of compassion which law books cannot regulate and jails cannot rectify. Such obligations are met by one's commitment to an inner law written on the heart."

"The ultimate solution to the race problem lies in the willingness of men to obey the unenforceable obligations."

The rebuilding of our city and community will only happen when and if we have the "Strength to Love". Wishing each of you the strength to reach out and become a true neighbor!

Sincerely,  
Tom Pastoor,  
President, McLaughlin Neighborhood Association  
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*A Steele Middle School student helps with cleanup during Earth Week!*



*McLaughlin Park gets new fencing!*



*We salute our neighbors that have adopted parks along Peck St!*

## **The McLaughlin Neighborhood Association Officers & Board**

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*The McLaughlin Neighborhood Association salutes  
the caretakers of our triangular green spaces along Peck St!*



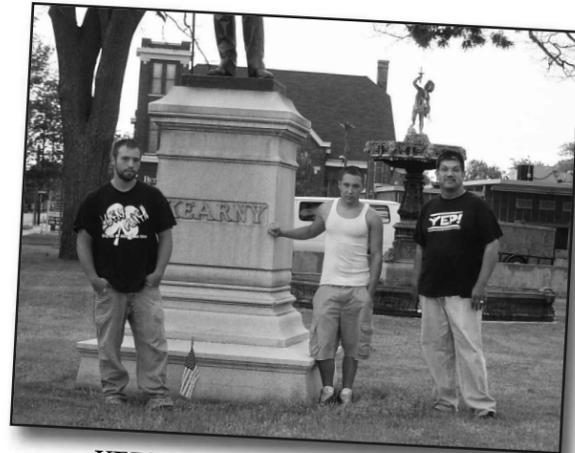
*Gene & Barb Greenwood*



*Greg Young from Young Funeral Home*



*Attorneys Tim Bott & Karen Spencer*



*YEP! Lawn Crew - Damian & Tim*



Did you know that our neighborhood has its own organic farm? Community enCompass' McLaughlin Grows Urban

Farm is located behind Goodwill Industries, on Iona St, between Ambrosia and Sophia. McGrows is harvesting a variety of delicious, organic vegetables already! Find us at the Farmer's Market any Saturday and try our signature "McLaughlin Mixed Greens." We are also hoping to have a neighborhood farm stand right on at the site on Wednesday afternoons. We take Bridge cards!! A healthy and delicious way that you can support the neighborhood, our neighborhood youth employees, and Community enCompass! If you are on Facebook, search for "McLaughlin Grows Urban Farm" and "like" it!



*"McLaughlin Mixed Greens" packaged and for sale at the Muskegon Farmer's Market.*

# Community Photos



*Terrace St neighbor Robert DeVries works on readying the new fencing for the park.*



*MNA Board member and Hartford Terrace resident Bill O'Shaughnessy works at cleaning up the fencing for the park.*

*Bunker & Steele Middle School students volunteering during Earth Week to help with neighborhood cleanup.*

