



City of Muskegon Newsletter

The City of Muskegon Will No Longer Be Selling Dog Licenses

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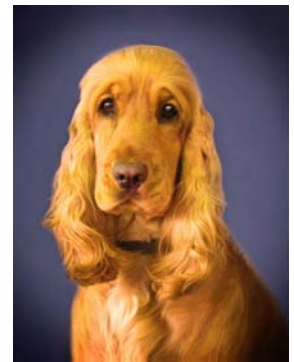
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The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners recently adopted major changes in dog licensing procedures effective October 1, 2011.

- ◆ **All dog licenses must be purchased at the Public Health—Muskegon County, 209 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI, telephone 724-6246.**
- ◆ **The expiration date of all dog licenses will be the date the rabies vaccination expires.**
- ◆ **A person who becomes a dog owner that is four months or older and is not currently licensed must apply to the County for a license within 30 days.**
- ◆ **A person who owns a dog that will become four months old and is not licensed must apply for a license to the County within 30 days after the dog becomes 4 months old.**
- ◆ **If a person's dog is between 4—7 months of age and it has not been spayed or neutered, the owner may qualify for a puppy licensed at a reduced rate provided they have made a timely application.**



Winter Update from the Muskegon Police Department

With the onset of winter we would ask that everyone remember to take extra caution when driving. You never know when you are going to hit a slick patch so please allow extra space between you and the driver in front of you. Begin slowing down earlier when approaching an intersection. We wish for everyone traveling to have a safe and accident free winter.



Remember that in order to do the best they can to clear the roads for travel that the snow plows need to be able to get through and plow not only the major roads but also the residential streets. There is a City Ordinance limiting on street parking from November 15 through April 15 and it reads as follows:

Section 8.31. Parking limited when snow removal necessary.

(1) No person shall park a vehicle on any street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day between the dates of November 15 and April 15 or on any other days when snow removal is necessary, except physicians on emergency calls, and in structures or other areas specifically designed and designated for overnight parking.



(2) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.

Note that this ordinance goes in effect on November 15 and runs through April 15 whether or not there is snow on the ground at the time. Just because there may be no snow on the ground at the time does not mean you will not be cited. Snow storms can come at any time and we need to insure that the roads are kept clear during that time frame so that when it does come the vehicles are not preventing effective plowing of the streets.

Have a wonderful and safe winter season.

Downtown Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The Muskegon tradition of lighting up Hackley Park the Saturday after Thanksgiving continues this year and there will be a full slate of activities downtown both before and after. The day kicks off at 8:30 am with the Teddy Bear Breakfast at the Muskegon Museum of Art and the day will be filled with specials at downtown retailers and restaurants, a giveaway worth over \$500, Christmas Tree sales on Western Avenue across from Subway, the tree lighting at 5:30 and continuing through to the Warren Miller ski/snowboarding movie "Like There's No Tomorrow" at the Frauenthal Theater at 8pm. Watch for more detail in the Muskegon Chronicle, www.downtownmuskegon.org and www.visitmuskegon.org.



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- ◆ **Owners who apply for a one year license must apply for a new license by the last day of the month of the dogs current rabies vaccination every year.**
- ◆ **Owners who apply for a three year license must apply for a new license by the last day of the month of the dogs current rabies vaccination every third year.**
- ◆ **Licenses will not be issued for dogs with an expired rabies vaccination. Proof of vaccination from a licensed veterinarian is required to purchase a license.**
- ◆ **After October 1, 2011, dog owners will have the option of purchasing either a one or three year dog license based upon the rabies vaccination date.**

Hot Rod Power Tour is Back!

In addition to many successful ongoing festivals last June, downtown hosted the Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour, the world's largest traveling car show. Nearly 5,000 custom, classic, and high performance cars filled downtown for a day. It was a wildly successful event, and thanks to our hospitality as a community, the tour, which has never returned to a host city two years in a row, will be back to kick off our event season Sunday, June 2, 2012!



Fun Activities in Downtown Muskegon

This June, Alcoa Celebration Square opened in front of the Post Office on Western Avenue. The plaza includes an interactive fountain, several sculptures, and features perfect for catching a break from the heat, come check it out when things warm up this coming spring.



This January and February, there are plans for a free, public ice rink directly across Western Avenue from the Post Office, check out www.downtownmuskegon.org for updates as details emerge.



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Downtown continues to evolve with new businesses, activities and public spaces.

Several new projects are underway along Western Avenue. The renovation of the former Daniels building is moving forward and it will open soon next spring as the Russell Block Market, an eclectic mix of retailers. The market will serve as a retail incubator, offering reasonable lease rates and professional services such as merchandising, customer service, and accounting training to start-up businesses. Once businesses get established, they will move out to larger spaces and populate downtown.



Next door in the Century Club, there have also been exciting changes. The soaring historic building formerly occupied in full by Hegg's Furniture, is now shared by a variety of businesses including Turquoise Boutique, a fine women's store, McDonald's Candies, PKS Photo Tiles, Mamaca's Baklava, and the Hegg's Clearance Center. These two projects are just the beginning of the rebirth of downtown as the retail hub of our community. Don't forget to visit our established retailers and restaurants on Western, Third Street, and on the east of downtown.

134 E. ISABELLA

2 Bedrooms 1 Bath, Hardwood Floors
Designer Kitchen, Living Room Dining
Room Back Deck 3-Season Porch, Full
Basement 960 sq. ft. **\$35,000**

451 E. ISABELLA

4 Bedrooms 2 Baths, Living Room Dining
Room, Side Deck, Main Floor Laundry, De-
tached 2-car garage, 2,040 sq. ft. **\$45,000**

Call 724-6717



City Telephone Numbers

Affirmative Action.....	724-6703
Cemetery.....	724-6783
City Clerk.....	724-6705
Community & Neighborhood Services.....	724-6717
Engineering.....	724-6707
Finance.....	724-6713
Fire.....	724-6792
Income Tax.....	724-6770
Inspections.....	724-6715
Manager's Office.....	724-6724
Planning & Economic Development.....	724-6702
Police.....	724-6750
Public Works.....	724-4100
Treasurer.....	724-6720
Water/Sewer Billing.....	724-6718

Meeting Schedules

- ◆ City Commission Meeting.....2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 5:30pm Room 107
- ◆ City Commission Worksession.....Monday preceding the 2nd Tues. @ 5:30pm Room 107
- ◆ Citizen's Police Review Board.....1st Monday of month @6:30pm Room 103
- ◆ Citizen's District Council.....1st Tuesday of month @ 5:30pm Room 203
- ◆ Civil Service Commission.....1st Thursday of month @ 4:00pm Room 103
- ◆ Community Relations Committee.....1st Monday of month @ 5:30pm Room 107
- ◆ Downtown Development Authority.....3rd Tuesday of month @ 4:00pm Room 103 (If needed)
- ◆ Historic District Commission.....1st Tuesday of month @ 4:00pm Room 107
- ◆ Housing Board of Appeals.....1st Thursday of month @ 5:30pm Room 107
- ◆ Land Reutilization Committee.....On Demand
- ◆ Legislative Policy Committee.....4th Wednesday of Jan., April, July, & Oct. @ 5:30pm Room 107
- ◆ Loan Fund Advisory.....On Demand
- ◆ Planning Commission.....Thursday following the 2nd Tuesday @ 4:00pm Room 107
- ◆ Zoning Board of Appeals.....2nd Tuesday @ 4:00pm Room 107



Volunteers For City Committees Needed

The Muskegon City Commission encourages citizens to participate in local government. The City currently has vacancies on several boards. Residents are encourage to submit a talent bank application. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 724-6705 for an application or visit our website at www.shorelinecity.com.

BE A VOLUNTEER...SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TODAY

