

NELSON NEWS



Downtown and Proud

A quarterly publication informing and encouraging the residents and businesses of Nelson Neighborhood

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NNIA Mission

Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association, as a community - based organization, is an agent of change empowering the community to maintain and improve the quality of life, plan for the future, and encourage good relationships among residents, agencies, houses of worship, and businesses of our neighborhood and other neighborhoods.

Monthly Meetings

Day: 3rd Wednesday of month

Board Meeting: 5:30-6:00

General Meeting: 6:00-7:15

Location:

Hackley School (Muskegon Public Schools Administration Building)
349 W. Webster Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49440

Note: Please park in the lot connected to the building. Take elevator, if so desired, to second floor

If you received this newsletter in paper form, and would like to receive it by email, please send your contact info (name, address, email) to nnia.news@gmail.com

September 27, 2014 is Dumpster Day

Nelson Dumpster Day will take place at 3rd & Houston) on Saturday, September 27, from 8am-noon. You can dispose of all sizes of non hazardous waste at this event. This is a service provided by the City of Muskegon. Let your neighbors know so they can pitch in to clean up the neighborhood. This is a great way to get rid of all that large junk that you can't bring to the curb. You can share the event on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1402717753319571/>.

New Location for Next Monthly Meeting

Our next meeting will be at **Nelson School**, October 15, 2014, at 5:30 pm in the **Library**. Refreshments will be provided, a few students will present about Nelson, and Principal Janelle Duffy will speak about Nelson's position as a priority school. We will also have high school officer Chad Wilson and our neighborhood officer Justin Sunday talking about recent issues with guns and knives at the high school.

Christmas 2014 Heritage Home Tour

Saturday, **December 6**, 12 noon to 5pm. There will be 10 various locations to tour in the Nelson Neighborhood. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased in advance at the Downtown Muskegon Depot, Frauenthal Box Office, or by calling April Thompson at 231-750-7918 or Liz Morrison at 231-760-7910. There will also be a raffle. Raffle tickets will be 2/\$5.00 or 5/\$10.00. 1st Prize is a Queen-size handmade quilt with embroidery, matching embroidered Queen sheet set and pillow cases valued over \$500.00. 2nd Prize is a Generous Love Muskegon Basket valued over \$100.00 Quilt and Gift Basket will be on display at: Brandon & Liz Morrison's home at 453 W. Webster St., Muskegon. Purchase tickets from Heritage Christmas Tour Committee Members. **Volunteers** are a must to make this event successful. Call/email April Thompson at 231-750-7918 or aprilweiler@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Request for Information

Please let us know about upcoming events taking place between October 25th and January 25^h to be included in next newsletter. If you have information you think might be useful for others in the neighborhood to know, please call/text 750-3406 or email nnia.news@gmail.com or through our Facebook page <http://m2.facebook.com/nniamuskegon>

Become a Member

The membership period is January 1st–December 31st. The dues are as follows: \$5 – Resident; \$10 – Supporting Individual; \$20 – Organization or Business

An application is included with this newsletter. Applications can also be found online at the City of Muskegon Nelson Neighborhood page at: <http://www.muskegon-mi.gov/community/neighborhoods/nelson/>, or you can email the editor at the address at the top of this newsletter.

The electronic version of the application includes contact information for NNIA board members as well as meeting days and times. Come join us in making Nelson Neighborhood great!

Welcome to the Roger Allison Memorial Garden and the Mike Miller Memorial Garden

Sponsored by Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association

Gardening is a wonderful thing to do for yourself and your family and is a great way to meet your neighbors. These garden plots are a free benefit for NNIA members so they can grow wholesome foods for their families and the community.. Like to garden but not interested in having a plot of your own? Be a Friend of the Garden: help with the community plots, garden upkeep, teaching neighbor kids about gardening, helping those with special needs so they can participate and keeping our gardens beautiful!

If you would like to garden with us please contact:

Roger Allison Garden -Linda Clark @ 231.727.3018 or Tammy Dempsey @ 231.760.3137;
Mike Miller Gardem- Deb Tober 231.288.9760 or Tammy Dempsey @ 231.760.3137

Our Guidelines and Rules

I will respect others' space and the purpose of the Garden

I understand that the Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association sponsor this garden and require all gardeners to be current members by paying the annual \$5.00 membership dues. This membership helps to offset the cost for water and other maintenance.

I accept the \$2.00 security deposit for every key to the water lock I receive from NNIA. The security deposit to be refunded when the key is returned.

By June 11th, I will have something planted in my plot.

I will keep the plot planted throughout the summer.

If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the garden coordinator.

I will keep weeds down, trash and litter cleared from the plot and adjacent pathways. I understand that if my plot becomes unkempt, I will be given 1 week's notice to clean it up. At that time, the plot may be re-assigned or tilled in.

It is my responsibility to pick crops when they are ripe, crops that I am willing to share with others, will be placed on the Sharing Table.

If I take produce from other gardener's plots without their permission, it will not be tolerated and I will most likely be prosecuted for my actions.

I will plant tall crops where they will not shade neighboring plots.

I am responsible for fall harvesting and completing a clean-up of my garden plot by Thanksgiving. I will also help with the clean-up of the perennial garden area.

Pets will be restrained to insure they do not damage the plants.

I WILL NOT USE FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES OR WEED REPELLANTS THAT ARE NOT ORGANIC.

I will return tools to safe storage places off the ground after any work session in the garden.

Please respect our Gardeners' labor

Do Not Pick Their Food!

Final Garden Clean Up: At the Roger Allison Garden near Nelson Place will be Sat., Oct. 25th, 12:30 pm til done. At the Mike Miller Garden near Shell station will be Sat., Nov. 1st, 12:30 til done. Water will be turned off at both gardens on Oct. 13th.

Public Notice to Maintain Vegetation on Property

Pursuant to Section 98.35 of the City of Muskegon Code of Ordinances, persons owning property in the City of Muskegon are hereby notified that they are responsible for tall grass, noxious weeds and overgrowth on their property. Vegetation must not be taller than eight inches. Properties shall be maintained to ordinance standards or the City will 1) clean the property and bill the property owner for the clean-up/mowing plus an administrative fee and/or 2) provide a civil infraction to the property owner for a violation of a City Ordinance. This public notice will be the only formal notices sent advising property owners of their responsibility.

Yard Parking Advisory: The City of Muskegon Police Department, in efforts to address blight issues around the City, would like to remind all Residents, Visitors, and Motorists who have cars parked on front or side lawns in the City of Muskegon that City Ordinance #8.10y holds that there is no parking allowed on grass or "unimproved areas." What is new is a reduction in the amount of the fine from \$100 to \$15, and now these citations can be written by both City Code and Law Enforcement Officials. Enforcement of yard parking is hoped to help preserve curbs and grassy areas from vehicle damage by residents "routinely jumping the curb" to park on grassy areas.

NNIA Membership Application

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ CELL: _____
 EMAIL: _____

ANNUAL DUES: __ \$5 each – Resident(s) __ \$10 Supporting Individual
 __ \$20 Supporting Organization/Business __ \$_____ Free Will Donation

Make checks payable to **Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association** or **NNIA**.

Mail this application and payment to:

Ann Craig, NNIA Membership Chair, 1387 6th Street, Muskegon, MI 49441

Events Calendar

Sat., Sept. 27, 8am – 12pm. Dumpster Day, 3rd & Houston.

Sat., Sept. 27 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Muskegon Central Fire Station located at 770 Terrace Street, Muskegon Area Medication Disposal Program – Medication & Sharps Collection Properly disposing of your unused medications, both over-the-counter and prescription, reduces the risk of accidental poisoning, environmental contamination and the theft and possible misuse by those for whom the medication was not intended, which can include youth. Sharps will be accepted if they are in appropriate containers. Feel free to visit the website for additional information. <http://www.mamdp.com/> Please bring your expired or unused medications and do your part in preventing prescription drug abuse.

Sun., Sept. 28, 2-4 pm. The Public Safety Office would like to invite the public to the Muskegon Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week Open House at the Central Fire Station (770 Terrace Street). This will be a fun day for families which will include demonstrations, tours, food and other activities.

October 2014: The Muskegon Area Arts and Humanities Festival is back. Various arts, humanities and community groups will collaborate on Muskegon's 13th Annual Muskegon Area Arts & Humanities Festival. The festival's mission is to celebrate, acknowledge and examine the world of ideas as they are expressed in the arts and humanities. The festival encourages the entire community to explore cultural, artistic and educational events centered on a central theme. The festival began in 2001 under the leadership of Richard Charles Ford, an ardent advocate for recognition of the benefits of having an active arts and humanities community in Muskegon County. Since 2001, the festival has explored a theme each year chosen by committee. The theme this year is **About Time**. The choice of theme is intended to spark creativity in the wider community and inspire us to ask questions and discuss what our lives look like in terms of that particular theme.

The theme also inspires the choice of a festival book, which the public is encouraged to read and discuss with family and friends. The festival book for 2014 is "**Aimless Love**" by Billy Collins, who will be at the Frauenthal Oct.9, 2014.

Other AhFest Events include art exhibits and receptions at the Muskegon Museum of Art, The Overbrook Art Gallery and the Bettye Clark Cannon Gallery; theater productions "Working", "Menopause, The Musical", and "Death of a Salesman"; concerts "Harpichord/Lecture Recital" by Dr. Solee Lee-Clark, "The Four Pianos", Leanne King, Sweet Adelines, Helix Collective, Crane Wives & Car Boys, MCC Jazz and Wind Ensembles, MCC Collegiates, Singers and Strings; a lecture on the evolution of the costal dunes; and many others. Find out more about all the events at www.ahfest.org. The festival offers a wide variety of experiences of many disciplines in the arts and humanities. For more info, please contact: Sheila Wahamaki, Festival Chair sheila.wahamaki@muskegoncc.edu 231-777-0323

Sat., Oct. 4, 8 pm: Buster Keaton Society Film ,Frauenthal, "Steamboat Bill Jr."

Sun., Oct. 5, 2 pm: Free film "**Back to the Future**"(Rated PG) Frauenthal Theater. Concessions available for purchase.

Thurs., Oct. 9, Frauenthal Theater, **Billy Collins**, author of "Aimless Love".

Sat., Oct. 11, Hike for the Hungry <http://hikeforthehungry.kintera.org/> or call Joe Boes at 231-955-8321

Thurs., Oct. 30, The annul Richard Charles Ford Awards will be presented during the reception for the K-12 Visual Art Teacher Art Exhibition & Contest, a special program for AhFest and the Muskegon Area ISD, in the Bettye Clark Cannon Gallery in the Frauenthal Center for the Performing Arts. The reception is from 5 – 7 pm, remarks and awards at 6 pm

Wed., Oct. 15, 6-9 pm, Free film "Crash" (Rated R), Muskegon Museum of Art. Discussion and free popcorn.

Sat., Oct. 18, Art in 8, an active artist competition. Eight artists will have eight hours to create a new piece of art from a variety of known and unknown materials provided for them. Also this year local high school teams will compete against each other under the same rules have been added in. ART IN 8 will be held at the Farmer's Market on Western Ave. in Downtown Muskegon beginning at 10 am culminating with a reception at 5:00 pm. Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite piece throughout the day and a People's Choice Award will be awarded to the top artist and high school team.

Sun., Oct. 19, 2 pm: Free film "Minority Report" (Rated PG-13), Muskegon Museum of Art, discussion and free popcorn.

Wed., Oct. 29, 6-9 pm., Free film "A Single Man" (Rated R), Muskegon Museum of Art, discussion and free popcorn.

Sat., Dec. 6, Coming Event: **Christmas 2014 Heritage Home Tour.** 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM

Places to Check for Future Events

City of Muskegon <http://www.muskegon-mi.gov/>

City of Muskegon Parks <http://www.muskegon-mi.gov/departments/parks/city-park-events/>

Muskegon Museum of Art <http://muskegonartmuseum.org>

Muskegon Area Community Calendar Hackley Public Library <http://www.hackleylibrary.org/pg/EVENTS/> Great site!

Lakeshore Museum Center <http://www.lakeshoremuseum.org/>

Muskegon County <http://www.visitmuskegon.org/events-muskegon-michigan>

Neighborhood Security

If you see something suspicious, don't hesitate to report it to police. FOR EMERGENCIES and CRIMES IN PROGRESS, please continue to CALL **911** for immediate police response. Below are several ways to report crime in addition to calling **911**.

Muskegon Police 724-6750 or Silent Observer 231-72CRIME (722-7463)

<http://www.silentobservermuskegon.com/> or <https://muskegon.schooltipline.com/>

or students send a report text "**@tip**" then your anonymous msg to **847847** or text @mhs to **27299**

Search for **TipSubmit** in your smartphone application store.

Something Additional to Do – Use Police Tip Line

Police Tip Line - Muskegon

By **calling** or **texting 231-846-8477 (231-846-TIPS)**,

Citizens can anonymously leave information about:

- Illegal firearm possession
- Ongoing Investigations
- Wanted Persons
- Cold Cases
- Criminal Activity
- Any information that will aid us in fighting crime in the City of Muskegon

Callers are encouraged to leave as much descriptive information as possible. Beneficial information would include:

- What happened? What did you see? What appears suspicious to you?
- Where exactly did the incident occur? Include streets, buildings and room/area.
- Did the suspect(s) have any weapons?

- What did the suspect say?
- Where and when was the suspect last seen?
- What direction was the suspect headed?
- Was the suspect on foot or in a vehicle?
- What did the suspect(s) look like? Describe each suspect one at a time.
 - o License Plate, Vehicle Description, Color, Make, Model
 - o Gender/Race/Age
 - o Height and Weight
 - o Hair color/length
 - o Clothing
 - o Glasses/Facial Hair
 - o Was the suspect carrying anything?

Information left on the tip line cannot be traced back to the sender. One can leave their name and a call back number if they wish. All information left will be investigated.