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A Quarterly Newsletter from the Jackson Hill Neighborhood Association

## Our Mission:

### ✓ **Mission Statement:**

The Jackson Hill Neighborhood Association unites neighbors in a volunteer capacity to identify, network for and solve solutions to the community's needs by addressing its healthy life styles, life skills, safety, housing, educational, governmental, economic, and faith based concerns.

## Welcome:

### ✓ **Association President:**

Hello Neighbors!

At the October NAM meeting Mayor Steve Warmington was the guest speaker. His topic was Neighborhood Involvement – Making our Neighborhoods Safer! With some of the incidents in our City, the Mayor wants to get the neighborhood associations involved with making your neighborhoods safer through each association's involvement. This illustrates to us, a Neighborhood Safety Watch Committee. This will improve communication with our neighbors, about what looks out of the ordinary and adding more JHNA Block Captain.

Each neighborhood will be unique in their approach as each neighborhood has different issues. The Mayor is planning to be our guest speaker for a meeting in 2012 with the Jackson Hill community to speak on Neighborhood involvement. You can make our community better and safer by attending association meetings and actively participating with the JHNA. We are grateful and appreciate your interest and help!

Thank you,

Billie Joy Holmes, JHNA President  
Perry Dennie, JHNA Vice President

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## **JNHA Community Involvement:**

### ✓ **Volunteer Committees:**

We need you!!! The JHNA Board is always open for new ways to improve our community. To put those plans into action we need you to be a member of the association. The best way to help improve our community is to be actively involved in the neighborhood thru your neighborhood association. You can volunteer for any of the many needed committees and work with us to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

## **JHNA Current Neighborhood News:**

### ✓ **We are going Green-**

We are going "green"! The association has started a JHNA Facebook Page for weekly information about the community. If you would like to receive the newsletter to your email address, please come out to the meeting and provide additional info. The JHNA is requesting volunteers for putting out our quarterly newsletter throughout the neighborhood. This is a great way to be part of the association, to meet and interact with your neighbors!

### ✓ **Smith- Ryerson Park/ Aamodt Park-**

We want our neighborhood parks to be clean and well kept. Please help keep them clean by remembering to always pick-up after your events or outing! Please report any concerns to the city of Muskegon DPW @231-724-6991. If you are interested in joining the JHNA Beautification committee, come to the community meetings on the third Tuesday of every month.

### ✓ **Neighborhood Community Garden-**

The JHNA Community Garden is open for new garden committee members. The garden is located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Erickson Street. If you would like to have a plot or two contact Perry Dennie @ 231-343-7568 for additional information.

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✓ **Dumpster Day:**

If you missed the JHNA Dumpster Day in September<sup>1</sup>You're in luck; the City of Muskegon is going to sponsor a dumpster day again in the spring of 2012 from 8:00am to 12:00 pm (noon). Please do not bring car parts, tires, or hazardous waste! Plus...we are working on a neighborhood clean-up for next spring, you can help! If you have additional questions, contact Stephan Sherrod @ 231-578-4010.

✓ **Restoration at Ryerson Creek/Green Acres:**

The creek is looking good! You may have noticed that restoration work is starting around the Ryerson Creek/Green Acres area. Keep looking at the JHNA Facebook Page for pictures of the changes or come out to the community meeting. You can get additional information from by calling 231-722-7878 or on the web @ [www.wmsrdc.org](http://www.wmsrdc.org)

## JHNA UpComing Events:

✓ **Neighborhood Beautification:**

We are looking for volunteers for the flower and shrub planting at the corner lot with the neighborhood sign on Marquette Avenue at Yuba Street. Plus there are plans for a JHNA Beautification Committee to observe and promote neighborhood improvements by Homeowners, Landlords, Renters, Organizations, Businesses, Etc.!

✓ **Fall/Winter Street Parking:**

Just a neighborly reminder, the City of Muskegon ordinance for parking starts on November 15<sup>th</sup> through April 15<sup>th</sup>. Parking is permitted in the winter on city terraces. Vehicles parked on the street during 2:00am to 6:00am may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

✓ **Fall Leaf and Yard Waste Clean-up and Removal:**

The leaves are falling and it's time for raking our lawns. City leaf removal season runs from the first full week in April 2011 through your trash day the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please put them in paper bags or rigid containers only! If you have an additional questions contact Department of Public Works @ 231-724-4100.

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## **JHNA Focus on Safety:**

### ✓ **Community Officer:**

Do you have any questions about community safety concerns? Do you see some suspicious or criminal activities near your block or street? You can meet and greet with our community officer at any JHNA Community Monthly Meeting. Be active in preventing crime on Jackson Hill. You can contact Officer Mike Lamsma @ 231-724-6735.

### ✓ **Block Captains:**

This is an invitation to you to help crime proof our neighborhood. We are getting together to talk about JHNA Block Captains, a simple neighbors-helping-neighbors program that has helped other communities reduce crime. Many community groups have not only seen crime decline, but have discovered a new feeling of caring and belonging among neighbors.

Many have used their combined efforts to improve their streets and parks and local services. All of us are concerned about becoming the victim of a crime, but not one of us can fight crime alone. The police can't do it without our help. Isolation without being alert increases crime and actually makes it easier for burglars and other criminals to take advantage of our neighborhood. You can help decide the best ways to protect our neighborhood by telling the group what concerns you.

### ✓ **Street Light Outages:**

Is there any street lights out? Help keep your house or business safe! You can contact the City of Muskegon DPW @ 724-4100. You may also contact Consumer's Energy directly @ 1-800-4467-5050 #2

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## JNHA Community Calendar:

### ✓ Community Meeting:

Annual dues are \$2.00 per person, \$10.00 for a business or organization. JHNA community information meetings are held at the Smith-Ryerson Community Center on the third Tuesday of every month. The meeting starts at 5:30pm.

**For concerns complete a JHNA Community Concern Form. Only 5 minutes will be devoted at the end of the business agenda to speak on any community concerns.**

## Important Contacts:

### ✓ JHNA Board Members:

- *President: Billie Joy Holmes @ 231-722-3066*
- *V-President: Perry Dennie @ 231-343-7568*
- *Secretary: Susan Cochran*
- *Treasurer: John Barrett*
- *Stephon Sherrod*

## Community Calendar:

### ✓ Events:

- 09/23/11 First Day of Autumn
- 10/10/11 Columbus Day
- 10/31/11 Halloween: Trick or Treat time is 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- 11/06/11 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/08/11 Election Day
- 11/11/11 Veterans' Day
- 11/26/11 Thanksgiving Day