

MUSKEGON



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PRESS RELEASE

Exciting Things Happening in the City of Muskegon

Recruiting Part-Time Firefighters

The City of Muskegon is recruiting part-time firefighters. Successful candidates will work 24 hour shifts with rotating schedules.

Requirements: Fire Fighting 1 & 2

First Responder (prefer EMT)

High School Diploma

Valid Driver's License

Pass background and pre-employment drug screen

Applicants may apply online at elwoodjobs.com and/or contact Elwood Staffing at 616-393-0200 to schedule an appointment.

Diane Kooi to Be Recognized for Heroic Rescue at Pere Marquette

Diane Kooi will be recognized by the Muskegon Public Safety Department at a meeting of the City Commission on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. On July 19th, Ms. Kooi was at the beach with her family at Pere Marquette Park when two girls became missing in the water.

Ms. Kooi swam out approximately 100 yards with a raft in large waves and was able to pull a 14 year old to safety. The second victim drowned.

Parking Allowed on Streets Throughout Winter

City officials have made it easier for citizens to park this winter. Vehicles may now be parked on City streets all evening (unless no parking signs or limited hours parking signs are posted). Parking on the terrace is prohibited throughout the City.

See a Pothole – We Want to Know!

We need your assistance. If you find a pothole or section of road that is in need of repair, report it on our website at <http://www.muskegon-mi.gov/departments/public-works/pothole-report/>.

We will do our best to fill it as soon as possible. Remember to give as much detail as possible about the location of the pothole.

City Manager, Frank Peterson, Speaking to Organizations, Sharing Ideas, and Asking for Ideas

Frank Peterson has hit the ground running as City of Muskegon's new City Manager. He's been speaking to residents, business owners, and organizations throughout Muskegon. He recently made a presentation to the Muskegon Rotary, Ambucs, and "Ambassadors" of the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. Frank said the decision to relocate to Muskegon was an easy one citing the City's financial stability, Muskegon's potential for development, and the many recreational opportunities available. As Frank says, "We can't be afraid to try new things."

Four New Jobs Created!

On October 22, 2013 the City Commission approved an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for AFI Hole Drill and AFI Machining. AFI Hole Drill will be investing \$476,000 in personal property and AFI Machining will be investing an additional \$595,500 in personal property. What does this mean for Muskegon? It means the creation of four more jobs in the City!

JAAR Partners in the Second Annual "Good Buddy Bucks" Program

Art and Jannie Scott of JAAR, Inc., owners of nine local McDonald's, partnered with the Muskegon Police Department and Social Justice Commission for the second year by donating 2,000 certificates for Police Officers to give to children that display "Good Character" allowing youth to positively interact with law enforcement. Coupons are redeemable at McDonald's for a free ice cream cone or apple dippers.

When officials initially approached Natasha Browley, Marketing Director of JAAR, Inc., the proposal was to ask McDonald's to consider paying one-half of the value of the certificates with the Commission paying the other half. After hearing about the program, JAAR Partners not only offered to contribute to the program, but volunteered to pay for the entire "Good Buddy Bucks" certificates!

2013 Fall Citizen's Academy Graduates

On November 12, 2013 the City Commission will recognize nine graduates of the 2013 Citizen's Police Academy. They are: Jacquelin Bearer, Jodi Geiger, Denise Murphy, Olivia Neel, Connie Nesbary, Mary Ramos, Cora Russ, Diane Spoelhof, and Eric Uzarski.

The academy is a ten week class held twice each year with the purpose of providing citizens with a better understanding of the functions of law enforcement, dispelling misconceptions and increasing positive communication between citizens and police. Those interested in participating in a future academy should contact Denny Powers by email at denny.powers@shorelinecity.com or calling 231-724-6764.