

NIMS

NEIGHBORHOOD April 2016

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Hi Neighbors. Welcome to Spring! Even though we had a mild winter, the sun shine always makes us feel better, not to mention the warmer temps. We are in the process of lining up some interesting speakers for the coming year. If you have any suggestions, please let us know and we will try to get them. If someone new moved into your area, please let them know about us. We are always glad to have new faces in the neighborhood. The first week of April begins the start of lawn and leaf pick up. Place your paper lawn bags on the terrace the same day as your trash pick-up. Hope to see everyone at our meetings and summer events. We can always use volunteers. Contact me at 755-8222 or Liz at 755-2568 if interested. -- Shirley Strang, President

FROM OUR COMMUNITY OFFICER – Hello Nims Residents: A special Thank You to all those who kept their sidewalks clean this past winter. With the arrival of Spring, I have a few things to pass along. Please remember to park in your designated driveways or on the street temporary (please - for not more than 48 hours at a time) and not on your yard or terrace. Also, all vehicles in the city are required to be registered and operable. In addition, please be considerate of your neighbors by keeping your yard free of excess trash, etc. (Nims has Dumpster Days twice a year to help with your disposal). In addition, please be courteous and keep noise from your pets, radios etc. at an acceptable level so as to not disturb others. Lastly, thanks for making Nims a great neighborhood and don't hesitate to call 911 if you see anything or anyone suspicious, so we can respond immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, I can be contacted at 724-6736. -- Officer Jeremy Velik.

CONGRATULATIONS ALLEN SERIO, our Nims resident who is one of the recipients of the City's Outstanding Citizenship Award for his work with many City events. Way to go Allen!

Nims is proud to welcome **The Coffee Factory** to our neighborhood. They are located at 930 Washington, Ste. 1B (Hudson Street side of Watermark). Stop over for some great coffee selections, snacks, or bring your sandwich over from Fatty Lumpkins.

We'd like to welcome **Debra Warren** as the new City Commissioner for our neighborhood. We look forward to hearing from her about the happenings in our City. You can reach Debra by email at: debra.warren@shorelinecity.com.

Nims Park – Don't forget about our park. As the weather gets nicer we hope to see lots of kids there. We are still in need of some more picnic tables and benches. Please contact Jen Sanocki at 955-8560 if you can help.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

4th Monday of Each Month – Nims Neighborhood Association Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm until approximately 7:30-8pm at Muskegon's Fire Station #4 (where Laketon Ave & Lakeshore Drive meet). Get lots of good information about **OUR** neighborhood and town and get to know your neighbors. Coffee and cookies are on us.

Saturday, April 23 – Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Event, 9am – 1pm at 1350 Keating (next to Pound Buddies). They will take your tires, hazardous liquids (car oil, gasoline, mercury, etc.), used lightbulbs, batteries and they will shred papers. They will not take latex paint. Check out their website for further details at <http://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/hhw/>.

Tuesday, April 26 – Community Conversation, hosted by Superintendent Felske at 6:30pm at Muskegon Middle School, 1150 Amity Avenue, to learn about the upcoming millage vote on May 3. At that time we are voting on the Muskegon Public Schools millage. It is 1 mill for 10 years, raising approximately \$500,000/year to be used for facility repairs, maintenance and enhancements. You can get more information at: <http://www.muskegonpublicschools.org>. We are providing information so you can make an informed decision.

Saturday, April 30 – Medication Disposal Event, 9am – 1pm at Norton Shores Fire Station, 1100 Pontaluna. Get rid of all your old, unused and expired medications, over-the counter drugs, old pet medications, used needles and syringes (in a safe container).

Saturday, May 7 – Nims Dumpster Day, 8am – 12 noon at Nims School parking lot. Get rid of all your junk or clean out your rental house that is in the neighborhood. ID is required. We will also have a scrap metal person onsite for your computers, old dryer, washing machine, etc. We cannot take construction materials, tires, hazardous liquids or tires. (See Household Hazardous Waste above) Volunteers needed for 1-hour shifts. Please contact Shirley Strang at 755-8222.

Monday, May 23 – Nims Pot Luck Dinner, from 6:30pm – 8pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on the corner of Southern & Barclay. Please bring a dish to pass; Nims Board will provide a ham and a cake. Doors open at 6pm. We will meet in the basement. This is in place of our regular meeting.

Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Parades, downtown parade usually starts at 9am and the Lakeside Parade usually starts at 10:30.

Saturday, June 4 – Diabetes Walk, from 9am until approximately 11:30. We will have a water station at the lift pump station off Lakeshore Drive. We can use a few volunteers. Please contact Liz Parker at 755-2568.

Friday & Saturday, June 17 & 18 – Taste of Muskegon, downtown Muskegon. Get to taste the different foods Muskegon and surrounding area have to offer.

Saturday, June 18 – Nims Annual Picnic, it will be held at the Hume Home, rain or shine, from noon – 3pm. Fun for the entire family.

Saturday, June 25 – Mercy Seaway Run, downtown Muskegon. We will have a water station again this year. **We need volunteers.** Please contact Shirley Strang at 755-8222.

Friday & Saturday, July 1 & 2 – Lakeshore Art Festival, downtown at Hackley Park and surrounding area from 10am – 6pm.

Friday & Saturday, July 1 & 2 – Rockstock, 2-day music festival at Heritage Landing.

Saturday, July 2 – Fireworks, at Heritage Landing.

Thursday, July 7 – McGraft Park Concert Series starts. Check the City's website for more information.

Tuesday, August 2 – National Night Out Against Crime, at Nims Park on the corner of Southern & Davis, from 6pm – 8pm. Activities for kids, food and vendors. Bring the family, meet your neighbors and have fun for **National Night Out!**

Nims Board Members – President – Shirley Strang 755-8222; Vice President – Jim McCabe 755-6632; Treasurer – Glenn Smart 457-7842; Secretary – Liz Parker 755-2568; Directors: Ken Johnson 329-5825 and Jen Sanocki 955-8560.

COMMUNICATIONS – As costs go up, we are spending more money on newsletters. If you have an email address, please contact us at nims.neighborhoodassoc@yahoo.com. We send out reminders and information to keep you up to date. We don't let anyone else see your email to protect your privacy. We also have a Facebook page: Nims Neighborhood Association.