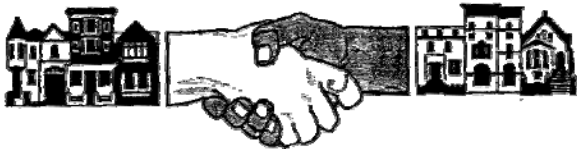


Nelson News



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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, churches and businesses of our neighborhood and other neighborhoods.

NNIA Boundaries

The NNIA boundaries are Muskegon Lake, Terrace St, Peck St, Laketon Avenue, and Seaway Drive.

Turnback to Recreate a Neighborhood

More than 50 years after Webster and Muskegon Avenues were widened and made into one way express routes, the clock is being turned back as steps are being taken to return the twin avenues into residential streets. Work has begun to add a signal at 7th Street, as well as to

paint the road so that parking is permitted at the curb on both streets. Traffic will be contained to two lanes, one in each direction. Members of the Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association pleaded with the City Commission to also lower the speed limit on the streets, but that

determination will be made after new driving routines settle in and the city of Muskegon is able to conduct a traffic study. The work of neighbors over the years was key to realizing this important change for Nelson Neighborhood.

Summer Picnic brings neighbors together

Each summer the Nelson Picnic is an opportunity for neighbors to interact with old friends and make new friends. The 2007 edition was no different as over 75 neighbors gathered on August 7 at Muskegon High School to share a meal as part of National Night Out. National Night out is a community effort, organized by law

enforcement to encourage residents to take a stand against crime by showing their solidarity with their neighbors. The many children present enjoyed a variety of kids games while the adults seemed content sharing food and conversation. After the picnic a number of neighbors enjoyed a screening of the inspirational movie "Mad



"Hot Ballroom" at the Nelson Neighborhood building.

Membership information

NNIA is supported through dues paid by its members. If you are not a member, we would welcome your participation. Being a member ensures that you will be notified by email of all meetings, NNIA events, and other special notices and also allows you to vote for board members at the annual meeting. The NNIA membership year is from January through December, so memberships are renewed in Jan.

Yes! I want to join the NNIA!

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ Other _____

Email _____

Annual Dues:

____ Resident (\$ 2.00) ____ Non-Resident (\$ 5.00) ____ Organization/Business (\$20.00) Free will Donation \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association or NNIA .

Detach this panel and mail, with payment, to Membership Chair:

Dollie Hippchen, 325 Houston Ave, Muskegon, MI 49441

NNIA Membership Surges

Thanks to the support of neighbors the membership of the Association has reached almost 100 members for 2007. The dues collected and the interests indicated, to get involved as part of the membership form, have helped to keep the association vibrant. We continue to ask for your support by becoming a member, if you haven't already done so (a form is attached to the front of this newsletter), by getting involved by attending monthly meetings, or by joining one of the active subcommittees implementing the work of the association.

NNIA Building for Sale

In years past the NNIA was a powerhouse for community development owning a large number of properties in the Nelson Neighborhood including the NNIA building a 1330 Fifth. After a transition to a simpler, more grassroots organization the Association still struggles to keep the building maintained. At this point the Association has listed the building with a commercial realtor and would like to sell, or lease, the premises. The building is perfectly located for businesses, or organizations looking to be at the

heart of the Nelson Neighborhood. If you know someone who might be interested in this opportunity, please contact Bob Bosch of the Building committee at 750-6238.



Upcoming Nelson Neighborhood Events

November 21
December 8

- Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.
- Third Annual Holiday Heritage Home Tour—Join patrons from far and wide as they enjoy the many residential treasures present in our neighborhood. Tickets are \$10 and the Tour starts at the Convention and Visitor's Bureau located at 610 W. Western Ave. For more information visit <http://downtownmuskegon.org>
- Neighbors are encouraged to help at this event benefiting the NNIA. Call Elaine at 722-2082. if you help for a three hour shift.

December 19

- NNIA Christmas Potluck dinner—Join other Nelson neighbors for this yearly tradition at 1330 Fifth St. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy the varieties of food brought by everyone. Also, bring a white elephant gift for the popular, hilarious gift exchange

January 16, 2008
February 20, 2008
February 23, 2008

- Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.
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- Annual meeting at 350 Houston St. (Nelson Place) at 10:00 a.m.—Make sure your membership is renewed for 2008 during January or February so you are able to help select new NNIA board members. Enjoy refreshments and hear about the work of the Association in 2007 and our goals for 2008.



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