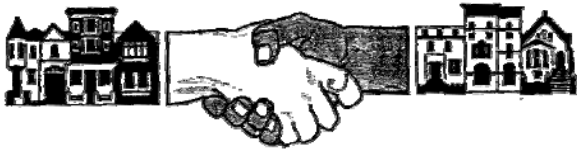


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NNIA sells building, has new location

The Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association recently sold the last piece of property it owned, which was the Association office building at 1330 Fifth Street. This sale brings the end of an era in the association's life when it owned and developed property. With the sale the

Association will be better able to be involved in grassroots organizing.

Nelson Place, at 350 Houston Ave, has agreed to let the Association hold its monthly meetings, which are open to the public, at their facility. So beginning Nov 19 the first NNIA monthly meeting will be held there. The association

believes this is an exciting opportunity and encourages you to get involved. Within the next two months the association will be undergoing a strategic planning session and we encourage you to attend our meetings and participate in the process. Together we can make a difference.

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.

Fourth Holiday Home Tour coming Dec 13

Now a yearly tradition downtown Muskegon, this year's Heritage Holiday Home Tour will be held Dec 13. Held to benefit the work of the NNIA, all residents are invited to either patronize the event, or lend a helping hand by volunteering for the event. Those interested in volunteering for a 3 hour shift will receive a complimentary ticket to see

all the homes of the tour. If you are interested in volunteering please call Elaine Klemm at 722-2082. This year's tour will again feature some of the newest, as well as some of the oldest homes in the Nelson Neighborhood. On the new side, Beth and Gary Post just moved in to their Heritage Square Townhome weeks ago. Also two units in the recently completed



Renaissance Place Apartments will be on display. Old homes included on the tour include a Jefferson bungalow and a Houston Four Square.

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(s) (\$ 5.00 each) ____ Supporting Individual (\$ 10.00) ____ Supporting Org/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

Healthy Nelson Receives Grant, Needs Your Help with Implementation

In past newsletter editions the Healthy Nelson initiative, being led by Jill Montgomery of the Muskegon County Health Department has been outlined. We are extremely happy to report that in the last month two grant requests to implement the Healthy Nelson plan, created by Nelson residents, were approved. These grants were from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Community Foundation for Muskegon County and together they total over \$30,000. While the plan with implementation options will be the blueprint now comes the

work of actual implementation. We encourage Nelson residents to join with the variety of partners working on this project to get involved and volunteer your time implementing projects. A top priority identified in the plan was the creation of community gardens and with the resources available the opportunity to leverage funding for a garden in your part of the neighborhood is very possible. To get involved attend an upcoming NNIA meeting or call or email Jill Montgomery at 231.724.1293 or montgomeryji@co.muskegon.mi.us.



Upcoming Nelson Neighborhood Events

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| <i>November 19 2008</i> | - <i>Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, at 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>December 13, 2008</i> | - <i>Holiday Heritage Home Tour</i> |
| <i>December 17, 2008</i> | - <i>Holiday Potluck at Nelson Place at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish and white elephant gift!</i> |
| <i>January 21, 2009</i> | - <i>Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, at 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>February 18, 2009</i> | - <i>Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, at 6:00 p.m.</i> |
| <i>February 21, 2009</i> | - <i>ANNUAL MEETING at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, at 10:00 a.m.</i> |
| <i>March 18, 2009</i> | - <i>Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, at 6:00 p.m.</i> |



What Health Is: a condition of total body, mind, and social happiness.

What Health Is Not: only the absence of disease.

What is a Healthy Community? A place that always tries to improve its physical and social surroundings. This kind of place has people in it that support one another and help each other to grow. Healthy communities are those that improve the quality of life for all people who live, work, worship, learn, and play in them. A healthy community also makes sure that there is a way to reach other helpful and healthy resources - even if they are outside the neighborhood. *based on information from the World Health Organization

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