

# NELSON NEWS



Downtown and Proud

A quarterly publication informing and encouraging the residents and businesses of Nelson Neighborhood

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## Message from the NNIA President

by Marcia Hovey-Wright

As you probably know I will be your new State Representative in Lansing in the 92nd District. As such I will need to be in Lansing most Wednesday evenings when NNIA holds our meetings. I will truly miss being your president, as we definitely have had tough issues to address, especially this last year.

My experience as your president certainly has prepared me for better understanding the issues facing urban neighborhoods and the role government needs to play in helping neighborhoods be safe, our public education system be adequately funded, housing be stable, roads be maintained, and jobs be there for people. The job is daunting, but not overwhelming. I truly hope we can cooperate in a bipartisan manner can...Michigan depends on it.

I will be serving as your president through January and have asked the nominating committee to replace me in February. Stay in touch and call me if there is anything you need me to help you with in Lansing 726 4929. My Lansing number will be in the Chronicle.

## 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, houses of worship, and businesses of our neighborhood and other neighborhoods.

## Holiday Heritage Home Tour 2010

Each year the Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association holds this annual tour which draws hundreds to see some of Muskegon's most unique, historic homes. The tour begins at the Union Depot in downtown Muskegon and is self-directed by car. A map and historic information will be provided. Refreshments will be provided at some of the tour stops. The tour is from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, age 12 and under free. Purchase tickets in advance at the Frauenthal Center Box Office, Pitkin's Drug, Keefe's Pharmacy, and the Coffee House (tickets also available on the day of the tour at the Union Depot.) For more information call 231-286-8608.

The following are the tour locations:

Union Depot	610 W. Western Ave
Greg Borgman	228 Houston Ave
Elaine Klemm	164 Washington Ave
Marcia Hovey-Wright	452 W. Webster Ave
Women's Club	280 W. Webster
Thompson House	1693 Jefferson St
Hume Home	1715 Jefferson St
Larsen House	475 W. Webster Ave

## Monthly Meetings

**Day:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**Board Meeting:** 5:30-6:30

**General Meeting:** 6:30-7:30

**Location:** Nelson Place Apartments, 350 Houston Avenue, Community Room.

**Note:** Please park on Houston Avenue, as the parking lot has a limited number of spaces for residents and their guests.

### NNIA Membership

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 begins January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please contact Dollie Hippchen or any member for more information.

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Email the editor at [nnia.news@gmail.com](mailto:nnia.news@gmail.com) for a membership form.

### Neighborhood Security

While crime is a part of every community, there is no reason to invite it. Instead of just throwing trash down, put it in a can. If you see trash lying in your yard, pick it up. Keep your yard cut, and sidewalks clear. Turn on your porch light every night, not just for National Night Out. These are some basic things we as residents and business owners can do which costs no money, gives our community more curb appeal, and gives one a sense of pride in their home. Most importantly, it shows the criminals that we care about our neighborhood. When a criminal sees that no one cares about their property, why should he?

**Muskegon Police 724-6750 or Silent Observer 722-7463**  
or **[Muskegon.schooltipline.com](http://Muskegon.schooltipline.com)** or students send a report text "**@tip**" then your anonymous msg to **847847**

### Bright Idea

If you are trying to wrangle your electric bills, try switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL). CFL bulbs have come become more affordable and last substantially longer than conventional incandescent bulbs. They use a fraction of the energy of conventional bulbs. If you have light fixtures with dimmers, then you should keep the conventional bulbs for those, since basic CFL bulbs are not designed for use with dimmers. Dimmable CFL bulbs are available, but their performance and additional cost leave a bit to be desired. CFL bulbs are available in several styles including a conventional light bulb shape, a globe, and a recessed fixture bulb.

### Events Calendar

December 4: Holiday Heritage Home Tour 12-5

December 15: Monthly Mtg & Potluck @ 5:30

### City of Muskegon Winter Rules

Don't forget that with winter weather right around the corner, the City of Muskegon has specific ordinances which must be followed. The first is that effective November 15 – April 15, no overnight parking is allowed on the street. Second is that snow must be removed from sidewalks by 9 am.

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