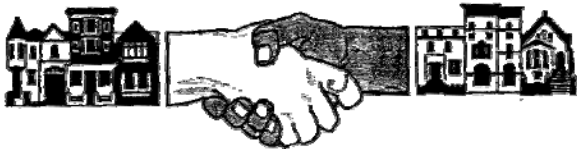


Nelson News



Downtown and Proud
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Inaugural NNIA Newsletter

Dear Neighbors,

I hope you like your revamped newsletter. Dan has worked very hard as editor and publisher. The Board has authorized four editions of Nelson News to be mailed to you, so we can all be better informed of the activities in our

neighborhood. Your neighborhood association meets every third Wednesday of the month, 5:30 p.m. at 1330 Fifth Street, which is on the south/east corner of Fifth and Mason. Even if you can't make the monthly meeting, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved.

Working together, we can make Nelson a better place to live.

Sincerely,

Lawrence O. Spataro,
President
Nelson Neighborhood
Improvement Association

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.

Holiday Heritage Home Tour Recap

The second annual Holiday Heritage Home Tour on December 9, 2006 was more successful than last year's. Over 350 people toured Nelson Neighborhood homes and apartments, and the comments received were very favorable.

The Muskegon Chronicle editorial stated: "What is starting to emerge is far better than (a) homogenized approach. People are coming to the downtown to live, and part of the key to the area's attractiveness is a diversity of living styles—as explored Saturday in the Nelson Neighborhood's second annual Holiday Heritage Home Tour of the downtown and near-downtown areas."

The NNIA Activities Committee and the volunteers and sponsors who worked on the Holiday Heritage Home Tour want to thank all our neighbors who opened their homes to the community. We are already planning the event for December 10, 2007, and welcome anyone who would like to participate, either by opening their home or volunteering on the Committee. If you are interested, call Marcia Hovey-Wright, Chairperson of the Activities Committee, at 231-726-4929.

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.

Yes! I want to join the NNIA!

Name _____ Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell _____ Other _____

Email _____

Annual Dues:

___ Resident (\$ 2.00) ___ Associate (\$ 5.00) ___ Supporting (\$10.00) ___ Organization/Business (\$20.00)
___ At Large (outside the NIA area—\$5.00) 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

Let's Recycle!

Recently the City of Muskegon Sanitation department has noticed an alarming trend: The amount of recycling material they are collecting is declining. This is a sign that city residents are cutting back on their recycling efforts which affects us all. It affects the health of the environment by causing more natural resources to be used when those same products could have been made from recycled material. And it makes the service more expensive, making it more likely to be cut. Do your part, RECYCLE! Call Ted Russell at 724-4100 to get your blue bin!

Nelson community officer

Going on 18 months Officer Scott Vanderwier has diligently been serving as the community officer for Nelson Neighborhood. As part of the Muskegon Police Department's commitment to community policing, Officer Vanderwier is directed specifically to address concerns of Nelson neighborhood residents. He is active meeting neighbors, working in the schools and making Nelson a safe place to live. If you have a concern you believe is appropriate (no emergencies) for Officer Vanderwier to handle please call him at 724-6735.

Dumpster Day April 7

Twice a year, the City of Muskegon provides a convenient Dumpster Day service to each neighborhood within the city. During these days, neighborhood residents can bring most kinds of garbage to a neighborhood location and dispose of it for free. This is especially useful for large items, or projects. The next Nelson Dumpster day will be held Sat, April 7 from 8 AM to 12 PM at Craig School, 1580 Park Street. Take advantage of this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and contribute to a an attractive neighborhood.

Upcoming Nelson Neighborhood Events

- April 7 - Dumpster Day at Craig School 1580 Park St from 8:00 a.m. through noon. See article
- April 18 - Monthly general meeting at 1330 Fifth St at 6:00 p.m.
- May 16 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St at 6:00 p.m.
- June 23 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St at 6:00 p.m.
- July 18 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St at 6:00 p.m.
- August 7 - National Night Out/Neighborhood Picnic at Muskegon High School
- August 15 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.
- September 19 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.
- September 22 - Dumpster Day at Betten Body Shop Parking Lot (1144 Third St)
- October 17 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.
- November 21 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.
- December 8 - Third Annual Holiday Heritage Home Tour
- December 19 - NNIA Christmas Potluck dinner
- December 21 - Monthly meeting at 1330 Fifth St. at 6:00 p.m.



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