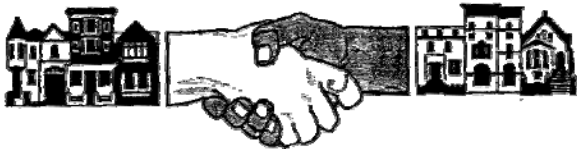


Nelson News



Downtown and Proud
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Welcome from New President, Mike Miller

I am very grateful to the NNIA board for providing me with the opportunity to serve the Nelson neighborhood by electing me President. When I think about the board members, I am overwhelmed by their experience in and commitment to the

neighborhood. I am humbled by board members who devote so much time to serving their community, each in their own way. I hope I can match their energy. This is a very exciting time to be in Muskegon and Nelson Neighborhood. Everyday there are new positive changes taking place. People are discovering what

wonderful natural assets we have, but our biggest assets are our residents whose basic decency is demonstrated by the amount of time they devote in volunteering for worthwhile projects. I hope that all Nelson residents will find a little time to help improve our neighborhood.

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.

Healthy Nelson Planning Session

Would you like to help make Nelson Neighborhood the healthiest place to live in Muskegon?

Want to be even more "downtown and proud?"



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Muskegon County Health Department

On Wednesday, May 21, 2008, you will get a chance to let us know what you would like to see happen to improve the health of the people in Nelson Neighborhood. We will use your answers to influence Nelson Neighborhood improvement projects in the future.

Michigan Department of Community Health



Please join us at the Healthy Residents, Healthy Nelson Planning Session



Wednesday, May 21, 2008 (after the Neighborhood Improvement Association meeting) 7 pm to 9 pm
Nelson Neighborhood Improvement Association Bld
1330 Fifth Street
Muskegon, MI 49441

Free refreshments provided!

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

May 17 Beautification Day

Spring is in the air, and with spring comes spring cleaning and spring planting. Take care of both May 17 with the bi-annual **Dumpster Day** which will take place at Craig School (1580 Park St) between 8:00 a.m. and noon. Nelson residents may dump many large household waste items in dumpsters provided by the City of Muskegon. During that same time the NNIA will be hosting a Bargain Plant Sale at which a wide variety of annuals, perennials, shrubs, and hanging baskets will be available at bargain prices so you can get a jump on looking good this summer.

Community Gardens making progress

Put on your green thumbs and grow with us! You can sign up for a plot at the neighborhood garden that will be located on Webster across from the Central United Methodist Church, just down from the Shell station. Thanks to the church for donating their lot, picnic tables, and support of their master gardeners! No experience necessary and partnerships available to work a plot. Neighbors committed to this project need to contact Deb at (231) 903-2728, or Mike at (231) 903-2636, for more information.



Upcoming Nelson Neighborhood Events

- May 17, 2008 - Dumpster Day/Plant Sale/Beautification Day @ Craig School 8 – noon.
- May 21, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m. Healthy Nelson Planning 7 p.m.
- June 18, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m.
- July 16, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m.
- August 5, 2008 - Nelson Summer Picnic at 6:00 p.m. at Muskegon High School
- August 20, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m.
- December 6, 2008 - Holiday Heritage Home Tour
- December 17, 2008 - Nelson Neighborhood Holiday Potluck at 6:00 p.m.



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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