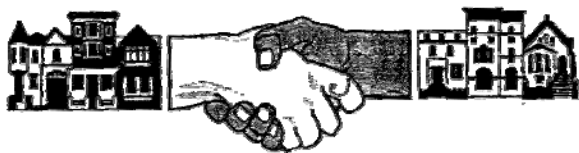


Nelson News



Downtown and Proud
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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.

Nelson Picnic as part of Ntl. Night Out

The first Tuesday in August has long been designated as National Night Out. After first taking part again in 2007, NNIA is looking forward to participating in this neighborhood organizing event again on August 5. Join your neighbors for a picnic dinner at 6:00 p.m.

at the Statue at Muskegon High School. Hot dogs, burgers, and drinks will be provided by the NNIA. Participants are asked to bring a salad, desert or other dish to contribute to a pot luck. Games for kid will be organized. The goal of the National Night Out program is to increase neighborliness

Picnic, Games and More
August 5, 6:00 p.m.
Muskegon High School
statue
Bring a dish to pass
Come out and join us!!!

and to keep neighbors connected and safe. Please join us for this community building event.

Healthy Neighborhood Project Moving

On behalf of the Muskegon County Health Department, I would like to thank all of you that participated in the planning sessions for the Healthy Nelson project. The insight you shared on the conditions, needs, strengths, and unique qualities of Nelson Neighborhood were extremely appreciated and will be very valuable to the success of this project.

Thanks to all of you, the Healthy Nelson project is moving right along and is

on schedule. Thus far, we have completed:

A detailed map displaying physical resources such as business, social service agencies, parks, churches, and non-profit organizations in and near the neighborhood.

A specific project required assessment of current conditions in Nelson.

A listing of prioritized pressing community issues and methods to address the expressed concerns.

What's left? To write the grant itself, hope that we receive full funding for the

activities we would like to pursue, and get moving on our improvement projects (If we receive the grant, funds will be available beginning in October of 2008).

As always, I am very interested in talking to any of you about this project or related topics. Feel free to call or email me at 231.724.1293 montgomeryji@co.muskegon.mi.us.



Public Health

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Muskegon County Health Department

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

Summer @ St. Joe's Park

The summer feeding program of Nelson children is underway at St. Joe's Park on Monroe St. Through Volunteer Muskegon, this program provides a healthy breakfast and lunch for children. Also, activities with the kids make the park a safe place. The St. Joe's Block club is using the opportunity to talk to neighbors of the park to involve them in the feeding program and in activities with the kids. Also, neighbors are taking steps to make sure that the safe atmosphere extends beyond program hours to all the rest of the hours of the day. Come to an upcoming NNIA meeting to learn more.

Unity Academic Olympics to take place at Nelson School

A large number of community partners are working to organize the first ever Academic Olympics to take place August 16 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the soccer field at Nelson School. The City of Muskegon Community and Neighborhood Services is leading this effort to have students participate in competitions that will prepare them for September when they return to school and take the MEAP tests. All students are welcome to participate but K-8 students who do not attend Muskegon Public Schools will be required to pay a registration fee of

\$10. The goal is to provide interactive and fun games for the kids that will motivate them to be diligent in their studies. It is also hoped that some mentorships may be established from participating. The NNIA is supporting the project with a donation of \$500. In addition the NNIA is partnering with the other organizations to recruit volunteers to help on the day of the event. If you are able to assist please call Liz at the City of Muskegon Community and Neighborhood Services Department at 724-6717

Upcoming Nelson Neighborhood Events

- 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. Everyone Welcome!*
- August 23, 2008 - Peace Awareness Rally on Mason St. between 5th and 6th. Street party for kids. Games, food and fun. Call Ken at 457-6380 for more info.*
- September 17, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!*
- September 20, 2008 - Dumpster Day at Third and Houston*
- October 15, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!*
- November 19, 2008 - Monthly meeting at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m.*
- December 6, 2008 - Holiday Heritage Home Tour*
- December 17, 2008 - Holiday Potluck at 1330 5th St. at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish and white elephant gift!*



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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