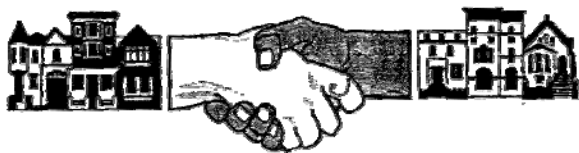


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NNIA Mission

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.

Letter from President Marcia Hovey-Wright

A lot of exciting things have happened with NNIA in the last few months. We sold our building in September, moved our meetings to Nelson Place in November, and had the Heritage Holiday Home tour and Christmas potluck in December at our new location. It was sad to move out of the building after so many years, but it was a significant drain on our human and financial resources and we were not able to make effective use of it in the last 5 plus years. In addition, our improved financial situation now allows NNIA to be a more effective neighborhood association.

On Jan 15 we had a Strategic Planning Meeting. It was well attended by new and "seasoned" neighbors. The

meeting was lead by Carlos Avar, Jill Montgomery and Sarah Rinsema-Sybenga. Many creative and exciting ideas were generated. They fell into the following categories:

- expanded community involvement
- programs for youth and teens
- increased safety and -reduced blight
- community gardens and beautification
- long term financial security for NNIA

Our next task will be to meet as task forces and prioritize projects and to decide how to get it all done within our available resources. We can do it, YES WE CAN. I am encouraged by the new energy being generated and the many people who

signed up to work on these task forces. We would love your help too...Contact me if your want to know more at 726 4929.

Marcia

JOIN US!!

What: NNIA Annual Mtg

Where: Nelson Place (350 Houston Ave)

When: Sat, Feb 21, 10:00 a.m.

To Vote: In order to help select board members, residents must be up to date members of the NNIA

Agenda: Election of Board members, NNIA Budget, Annual reports, presentation of Strategic Planning Meeting Summary

Note: New regular monthly meeting times
5:30-6:30 board meeting -all welcome
6:30-7:30 general meeting
Third Wed at Nelson Place

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

Family Foods Renovated, Features Healthy Foods

For the Nelson residents who have never, or have not recently, ventured into Muskegon Family Foods at 1157 Third St, now might be the time. Owner Chris Kado recently completed a remodeling of the store and the result is a much cleaner, healthier and convenient shopping experience. Now open from 10-10.



Dumpster Day Scheduled

Spring is coming, and with spring comes spring cleaning. Get rid of all the junk you have collected on May 16 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.



Community Gardens

Planning for Community Gardens, through the Healthy Nelson project of Public Health Muskegon County is underway. The NNIA is hoping to create a garden across Muskegon Avenue from Central United Methodist Church in a vacant lot owned by the church. If you are interested to help with this project please contact Susan Kroes at 722-0398.



Upcoming Nelson Neighborhood Events

- February 18, 2009 - Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, Board 5:30, Members 6:30 p.m.
- February 21, 2009 - ANNUAL MEETING at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, at 10:00 a.m.
- March 18, 2009 - Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, Board 5:30, Members 6:30 p.m.
- April 15, 2009 - Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, Board 5:30, Members 6:30 p.m.
- May 20, 2009 - Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, Board 5:30, Members 6:30 p.m.
- May 16, 2009 - Dumpster Day—8-noon at Craig School
- June 17, 2009 - Monthly meeting at Nelson Place. 350 Houston, Board 5:30, Members 6:30 p.m.
- September 19, 2009 - Dumpster Day—8-noon at 1144 Third St



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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