



# WOODCLIFFE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



## SAVE THE DATES

**July 2**, Fireworks Muskegon being launched from Terrace Point Dr. beginning at 10:25 p.m.

**July 9**, Neighborhood Yard Sale. Every home participating should have a permit.

**July 29**, Former resident Stacey Dillard performing at Rosa Park Circle, 135 Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids

**August 13**, Old Friends Reunion is back. Gathering of Old Friends 60 years of age and older - Johnny O. Harris Park from 1:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M.

**August 17** Food Truck Rally, Farmers Market Muskegon

**August 25-28**, Shoreline Jazz Festival, Heritage Landing. Visit: [www.zonjic.com](http://www.zonjic.com)

**August 27**, WNA Block Party and COVID 19 vaccination clinic. Location: Johnny O. Harris Park. More detail coming soon.

**September 17**, Johnny O. Harris Memorial Golf Tournament. Funds benefiting Johnny O. Harris Park

## BEAUTIFYING THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Fifteen colorful flowerpot arrangements have been placed throughout our neighborhood boosting Woodcliffe's curb appeal. Thank you to the residents that donated to this beautification initiative and a special thanks to the women that put the arrangements together and those who are maintaining the pots.



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## YARD OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2022

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**Congratulations to Andrew and Priscilla Henderson**  
for outstanding property maintenance and contributing to  
the beauty of the Woodcliffe Neighborhood.



The May 18 cleanup day went well. Let's plan on doing it again during leaf season. Also, a big thank you goes to Coalition for Community Development (CCD) for helping out. **Remember to keep curbs clean, grass a maximum of 6" in height, derelict vehicles out of public view and no parking on unpaved surfaces.**

**SafeSeniors** works to identify, advocate, and seek justice for adult victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation within Muskegon, Ottawa, and Oceana counties of Michigan.



**1 in 10 older Americans experience abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.**




~~it's my fault~~
















- she hit me
- they took my money
- my caregiver left me alone




**REPORT ABUSE:  
855-444-3911**

*How to recognize the potential signs of abuse, caregiver neglect, and exploitation of older adults.*

**POTENTIAL SIGNS TO WATCH FOR:**

<b>PHYSICAL</b>	 Unexplained injuries or sores
	 Dehydration or unusual weight loss
	 Missing medication or medical assistance devices
	 Unsanitary living conditions or poor hygiene
	 Unattended medical needs or missed appointments
<b>EMOTIONAL • BEHAVIORAL</b>	 Unusual changes in behavior or sleep patterns
	 Withdrawal from normal activities
	 Isolation from friends or family
	 Increased anxiety or fear
	 Hesitance to speak in presence of "caregiver"
<b>FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION</b>	 Unpaid bills or unmet needs, despite seemingly adequate income & assets
	 Missing household items
	 Unexpected changes in wills or property deeds
	 Purchase of large items the older adult does not use
	 Changes in spending habits/patterns (checks made out to cash or written out of order, unusual ATM/debit card usage)

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**For more information or questions:  
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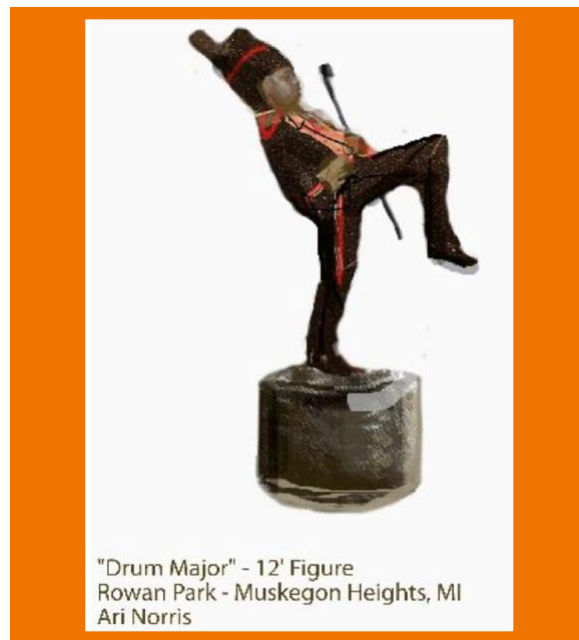
Statistics show 60% of abuse and 86% of financial exploitation is a family member. **It's okay to say enough is enough!** SafeSeniors working to address abuse and get restitution to those that have been financially exploited.

# MUSKEGON CITY PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE

Patrick O' Leary, a leading philanthropist to the Muskegon City Public Art Initiative sat with other community members to help develop goals for Muskegon's Public Arts Initiative. Some of the goals include:

- Add ten new significant high-quality works of art by experienced artists to the public art collection of Muskegon
- Link the works of art to the stories and history of Muskegon. Six total projects have been unveiled by Muskegon City Public Art Initiative

Mr. O'Leary has invested \$25,000 per piece to jumpstart this project. The schedule for 2022/2023 includes a sculpture for Muskegon Heights (installation #7). Band Together with Tiger Pride - a 12' bronze statue will be located at Rowan Park.



BAND TOGETHER will be a tribute to the remarkable story of the Muskegon Heights High School Marching Band, which honed its unmistakable style of marching in the high-stepping, dancing, and swinging style of historically black colleges over decades under the leadership of Robert Moore, Muskegon Heights Public Schools Band Director from 1971 to 2011.

Also installed will be signage telling the history of the MHPS Marching Band, a listing of drum majors, band directors and significant awards from 1925 forward.

- The original sculpture will be created by Muskegon-born bronze sculptor, Ari Norris.



### **July 4, Fireworks:**

You can light your fireworks anywhere in the state from June 29 through July 4, until 11:45 p.m. On those dates, the state prevents local governments from banning fireworks use.

### **Fireworks Safety Tips**

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy, in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move quickly away from the fireworks device.
- Never try to relight or handle malfunctioning fireworks. Soak them with water and throw them away.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Move to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- Never point or throw fireworks (including sparklers) at anyone.
- After fireworks complete their burning, to prevent a trash fire, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding the device.

**HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE**