



WOODCLIFFE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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Yard waste pickup
starts April 5, 2022

Join Us for a Spring Clean Up!

On Saturday, May 14, 2022 lets
cleanup our neighborhood. Each
household is requested to take care
of cleaning up their property. Let's
cleanup before Spring foliage makes
it difficult to clear trouble areas. An
email announcement will be sent as a
reminder. If you are a senior needing
support for the initial season cleanup,
please let WNA know. We will be
looking for neighbors willing to help
senior property owners needing
assistance.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



Time for Groundhogs

Groundhogs, also know as
Woodchucks are diurnal (active
during the day) from spring to fall.
Most activity occurs during the early
morning and early evening hours, at
which groundhogs emerge from
their burrows to gather food.

Groundhogs
are especially attracted to sweet fruits, such as
**strawberries, blueberries, cantaloupe, peaches,
and corn.** They also love lettuce, cucumber, and
green beans

Protect Your Garden -Try planting some lavender
around the garden. While it smells lovely to us,
groundhogs find it offensive and avoid the areas
where it is. They also dislike the smell of these herbs:
basil, chives, lemon balm, mint, sage, thyme,
rosemary, and oregano.

NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION REMINDERS

Lawn must not exceed 8" in height



Leaves remaining on your property must be removed by May 1, per city ordinance. The enforcement period begins **May 1**



Garbage Totes - After tote is emptied, it is to be stored out of public view.



Try to keep storm drains clear around your property. Clogged drains results in excessive street flooding.



Don't forget the **curb** in curb appeal. "CLEAN CURBS"



No parking on unpaved surfaces- City ordinance



Derelict vehicles should be out of public view. Please store in your garage



Please use a dumpster when disposing excessive junk materials. No open storage of junk materials in your yard.



All fences shall be maintained in good repair - City Ordinance



Recreation equipment, including furniture and toys shall not be placed or located in any front yard for a period longer than 24 consecutive hours. Household furniture that has been designed for interior use shall not be placed in front yards for a period exceeding 12 consecutive hours.



May 14, 2022



Yard of the Month season:
June -September

Updates

April , 2022
Issue #1



Coffee with the Chief of
Police
Us Cafe
2300 Maffett St, Muskegon
Heights
Wednesday Mornings
9:00AM -10:30AM



To get alerts on Consumer Energy outages ,log in to your account or text REG to 232273 (CECARE) to sign up for outage alerts.

Calendar

- **May** - Neighborhood Cleanup
- **July** - Neighborhood Yard Sale
- **August** - Block Party
- **September** - Johnny O. Harris Memorial Golf Tournament . Visit: <https://johnny-o-harris-memorial-golf->



You can drop off your unused or expired medication for proper disposal Saturday April 30, 2022 from 10:00 am - 2:00pm at the Norton Shores Fire Department, 1100 E Pontaluna Rd, North Shores 49444.



APRIL 18, 2022 Individual tax returns due for tax year 2021 **US and MI**

**NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSOCIATION MEETING**

**APRIL 21, 2022
6:00 PM, CITY HALL**



The City of Muskegon Heights is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Full-Time Fire Fighter.



You can view live city counsel meetings on Zoom the second and fourth Monday of the month.



- Our website's footer has links to city blogs, city meeting calendar, report an issue to the city form, and citizens handbook. Visit : www.woodcliffemh.com

“Love thy neighbor” Is a precept which could transform the world if it were universally practiced. - Mary McLeod Bethune, Educator



Importance of MUSIC

Many studies have shown that musical experiences in childhood can actually accelerate brain development, particularly in the areas of language acquisition and reading skills. According to the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM Foundation), learning to play an instrument can ignite all areas of child development. It helps the body and the mind work together. For children and adults, music helps strengthen memory skills.

Classical Music for Everyone

The West Michigan Symphony has gotten very serious regarding Diversity Equity and Inclusion work. Symphony orchestras have been historically a majority white art form. Last year WMS started working with an outside facilitator to develop the diversity, equity and inclusion plan.

Music Education

An important aspect of the West Michigan Symphony (WMS) program is Education. WMS has a very progressive menu of education programs. It starts with toddlers and goes all the way up into the high school and includes two programs for very young children (Instrument Petting Zoo: mobile public programs that provide toddlers with their first opportunity to handle and play instruments.

Debut Strings: A tuition-based intermediate orchestra program by audition [students must have 1 year or more orchestra experience and supply their own instrument].

Right in the middle is the flagship program Link Up (a classroom partnership with Carnegie Hall curriculum teaching 3rd-5th graders to read music and play recorders along with the symphony. Kids come downtown in the spring to play with the symphony. This is a year long program and includes visits from WMS's musicians. WMS will be doing the program with the recorders on May 3rd this year.

<://westmichigansymphony.org/education/link-up/>