

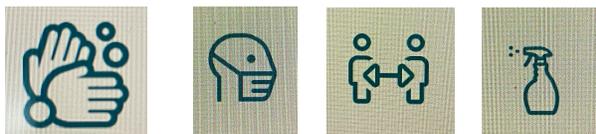


WOODCLIFFE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

COVID-19

Everyone's life has been impacted in some way by COVID-19. As we navigate our lives through this health emergency we must remember that it's important to take precautions to protect not only your health and safety, but also the health and safety of others. If you have COVID-19 symptoms (fever, coughing, shortness of breath), call your healthcare provider for guidance or dial 211 for assistance.

Protect Yourself



For latest status for Muskegon County, go to:
<https://www.co.muskegon.mi.us/1611/Coronavirus>

The United Way's website "www.unitedwaylakeshore.org" is updated regularly to provide COVID-19 resources, volunteer opportunities and ways to engage as a donor.

Mask Up



Love and Hate

The aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and others has brought about a global movement to address systemic racism. This has led to discussions reflecting on the health, safety, disparities and fear in Black communities. At the end of this newsletter are of resources for those seeking to increase their knowledge, awareness and understanding of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." -

Martin Luther King, Jr.

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People learn to hate and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love for love comes more naturally to human heart than its opposite." -

Nelson Mandela



Neighborhood News

Mildred Johnson - A horn blowing parade of approximately 100 vehicles came through our neighborhood on June 12, 2020 to celebrate Mildred Johnson's 86th Birthday. We are blessed to have such a strong advocate for our neighborhood and city living in our community. Happy Birthday Mrs. Johnson !



Larry Fife was awarded Senior Volunteer of the Year by the United Way of the Lakeshore. Mr. Fife was honored at the United Way Annual Celebration held May 28th.



Larry Fife

Senior Volunteer of the Year!

The Neighborhood Association Website is under construction and scheduled to go online by the end of the summer.

Marquis Childress is the new block captain for Overbrook St. Marquis will cover addresses: 661- 767 Overbrook St.

Block Captains needed for Fielstra Dr., Elizabeth CT, and Woodcliffe Ave (north and south)

Johnny O. Harris Park

- Due to Covid-19 several park enhancements have been delayed. Basketball rims were taken down but will be reinstalled in the coming weeks (phase 5 of the reopening).
- The wooden play set located at the corner of Jarman St. and Broadway Ave was removed by volunteers. Thank you to all that assisted in the removal. Harmony Park Outdoor instruments will be placed at the site of the old play set. Instruments will include five tuned drums and four colored flower instruments. The instruments are being provided through the **WATCHMUSKEGONPLAY** project which is a project of the Muskegon Rotary Club in collaboration with the West Michigan Symphony.



Friends of Johnny O. Harris Park

City parks provide the much needed access to recreational opportunities and open spaces that can benefit our physical and psychological health. Several studies have shown the many benefits parks bring to a city. Help us continue to enhance Harris Park by becoming an active member of the Friends of Johnny O. Harris Park. To become a member contact Larry Fife at 231.220.9375 or email at larryfife2102@comcast.net

Woodcliffe Neighborhood Yard of the Month. The goal of the Yard of the Month award program (YOM) is to recognize individuals whose property has an attractive curb appeal and exemplifies the vision for our neighborhood. The YOM season began in June and runs through September. The June 2020 winner is Mr. George E. Smith, 670 Lincoln Ave



George Smith & Lorretta Barnes

Confinement Spruce Up

Due to the Governor's stay-at-home order, many residents chose to spend more time with family as well as address chores around the house. **We see you!** Thank you, for helping to enhance the appeal of our neighborhood.

Residents, please be mindful of the ordinance violations that affect the attractiveness of our neighborhood:

- Lawns greater than 8"
- Parking on an unpaved surface (no parking on lawns and unpaved lots)
- Junk vehicles in public view (derelict vehicles must be stored in a garage)
- Open storage (toys, recreational items, grills and tools)

Also, please clean street storm drains adjacent to your property to reduce the flooding potential and damage to our streets.

Virtual cleanup - take a litter clean-up walk and beautify our neighborhood. Consider taking a small grocery bag with you and pick litter with gloves or a grabber.

Regulation of Consumer Fireworks

- No person under 18 years of age may possess consumer fireworks.
- State law requires that consumer-grade fireworks only be ignited from personal property. It is illegal to ignite fireworks on public property (including streets and sidewalks), school property, church property, or another person's property without their express permission.
- Muskegon Heights city ordinance allows fireworks on the day preceding, the day of, or the day after a national holiday. On those exempt days, ignition, discharge or use of any fireworks between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. is strictly prohibited.

Fireworks Safety Tips

- Know your fireworks; read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- Wear safety glasses when shooting fireworks.
- Use fireworks OUTDOORS in a clear area; away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged water hose nearby.
- Never carry fireworks in your POCKET or shoot them into METAL or GLASS containers.
- Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and place in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials until the next day.
- Report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department.

WNA Meeting July 16, 2020

The next meeting will be conducted through Zoom video conferencing. So what is Zoom? It's a video conferencing software from a company called Zoom. The software will allow us to meet without leaving our homes. You will first need to download Zoom to your device (computer or phone). Larry Fife will email a link that will allow you to join the meeting. Just click on the link and you're in. For those that don't want to use this method you can call into the meeting by phone. All of the details needed to join the meeting will be forthcoming in an email. Looking forward to meeting with you again.



Anti-Racism Resources Books and Articles

- [U-M Library Anti-Racist Reading List](#)
- [An Antiracist Reading List](#) by Ibram X. Kendi (*New York Times*)
- [Understanding and Dismantling Racism: A Booklist for White Readers](#)
- [Anti-Racist Resources for White People](#)
- [How To Be An Antiracist](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- [Black Feminist Thought](#) by Patricia Hill Collins
- [Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower](#) by Dr. Brittney Cooper
- [Heavy: An American Memoir](#) by Kiese Laymon
- [Just Mercy](#) by Bryan Stevenson
- [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad
- [Raising Our Hands](#) by Jenna Arnold
- [Redefining Realness](#) by Janet Mock
- [Sister Outsider](#) by Audre Lorde
- [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo
- [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#)
by Michelle Alexander
- [The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century](#)
by Grace Lee Boggs
- [This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color](#) by Cherríe Moraga
- [When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America](#) by Ira Katznelson
- [White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism](#) by Robin DiAngelo, PhD
- [Healing Racial Trauma: The Road to Resilience](#) by Sheila Wise Rowe