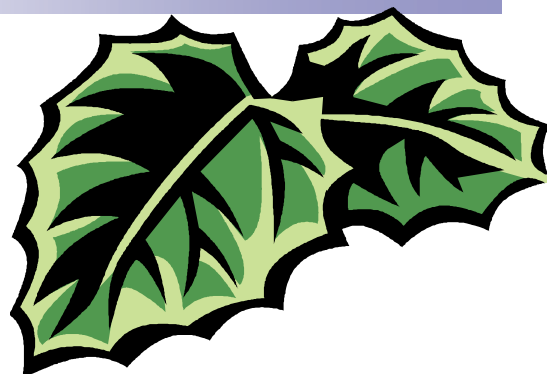




# 2010 Fall/Winter NEWSLETTER



## *Halloween*

Trick or Treating will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Halloween, Sunday, October 31, 2010. Residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights.



## *Safety Tips*

- Make sure your child's clothing is flame retardant. Review the stop-drop-roll exercise in case a costume catches on fire.
- Attach your child's name and address to the inside of their costume.
- Give children flashlights and/or reflective tape, especially if their costume is a dark color.
- Make sure all outdoor lights are operational.
- Remove items kids could trip over from your walkway and doorstep.
- Keep dogs and other pets away from your front door, so that visiting children will not become frightened.
- Discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow.
- Watch for signs of tampered candy such as loose wrappers and check all treats before they are eaten. Throw away homemade or unwrapped treats. When in doubt, throw it out.

### City Council

- Mayor Chris Witham
- Mayor Pro Tem Mary Fisher
- Tom Anderson
- Bill Hogan
- Toni Seyferth
- Susan Snider
- Chuck Woods

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## *City Awarded Two GEE Awards!*

*Government Encouraging Entrepreneurs (GEE) awards were given to the City of North Muskegon in the categories of Customer Service and Building Partnerships. The awards are in recognition for demonstrating exemplary practices and process improvement in government services important to the business community.*

**City Hall Closings: Thursday, November 25 & Friday November 26  
 Thursday, December 23 & Friday, December 24  
 Thursday, December 30 & Friday, December 31**

# Leaf & Brush Removal

## October 11 - December 3

### **Loose Leaf Pickup**

Please rake leaves to the terrace area. Leaves raked to alleys will not be picked up. Pickup begins each Monday on the east end of town and heads west.

**\*\*\*\*BRANCHES & STICKS MUST BE SEPARATED FROM THE LOOSE LEAVES\*\*\*\***

## November 8

### **The last day for Bagged/Container Leaf Pickup**

## November 12

### **Brush Pickup Ends**

Brush cannot exceed four (4) feet in length or four (4) inches in diameter and must be in manageable bundles. If a contractor is removing or trimming your trees, they are responsible for removal.

# Oak Tree Preservation

Oak wilt is a disease that spreads quickly and can devastate scores of oak trees. There was an article published by Terry Judd on May 23, 2010 in the Muskegon Chronicle explaining that...the fungus is transmitted from tree to tree by intermingling root systems or beetles as they feed off oak sap...For that reason, horticulturists say it is imperative that all oak trees not be pruned during the growing season to prevent sap feeding beetles from spreading the fungus. So, please be cautious when you trim or prune oaks.

Thank you Kathy Slinger for providing this valuable information. Kathy suggested if you wish to read the whole article go to: M.Live, click on Muskegon Chronicle, go to Archives. There is an additional article on pruning from the March 28th edition.

## **THANK YOU NORTHSIDE LIONS**

The Northside Lions generously donated two automatic defibrillator units to the City. One will be placed in the Community Center/Library complex and the other in City Hall. Join us in saying thanks by supporting your Local Lions Club!

Greetings from your Mayor,

In the stock market, when times are great, almost every stock goes up, and when times are difficult, almost all stocks go down. It is during these difficult times that the best investment advisors are worth their weight in gold. As we all know, the recent economic times have been difficult on communities and school systems. It is during these times that the best schools and communities shine. North Muskegon is a community that shines in both areas.

Our City has been able to continue with improvements throughout 2010. We have completed the improvements east of the 4 Corners. This has greatly improved the visual appearance for people visiting our community and the businesses along that area. We also replaced the fence overlooking Muskegon Lake along Ruddiman at Fleischmann's Lookout. Next year will be the road reconstruction on Lake Avenue from the Causeway through the 4 Corners. This will be somewhat comparable to what we did when reconstructing Ruddiman. We will also be adding a bicycle path along the lake side of the road which will connect to the path that currently ends at Rite Aid.

I would like to thank John Weaver for the tremendous job he did as our School Superintendent. We will miss you greatly. I would also like to welcome our new Superintendent, Mr. Curt Babcock, to our Community. During my conversation with him, he already recognized what makes our Community so strong. That is a long list of people who are willing to volunteer their time to both the school and the City. Thank you to all.

Chris Witham  
Mayor

# SIXTH ANNUAL CIRCLE OF TREES

Sunday, December 5th

12:00 - 4:00 Tree Decoration—Walker Park

4:00 - Dog Parade on Ruddiman Drive

4:30 - Fellowship and visit with Santa in the **GAZEBO**

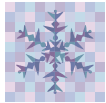
5:00 - Community Choir Sing with N. Muskegon Junior High Choir



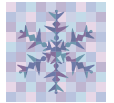
The City will provide a tree and have it set up for you to decorate for a minimal fee or bring your own (tree must be at least 10' tall). To sign up or host a tree or for any questions **E-mail ELLEN BERENDS at [skibinderz@yahoo.com](mailto:skibinderz@yahoo.com) or call her at 750-4970.**

The dog parade has become a favorite for young and old alike. You can dress up your dog(s) or bring them as they are. Sign up at City Hall or print a form on line.

Please Note: Ruddiman Dr. will be closed from 3:30—5:30 p.m. for parade & visits with Santa.



Watch the sign for more information on happenings after the Choir performs.



## *November General Election*

Absentee ballot applications are now available for the November General Election. If you wish to receive an absentee ballot, please stop by City Hall or call 231-744-1621 and request one.

The last day to register to vote to be eligible for the November election was October 4th.

**Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR...

- A GM car key/fob with coin purse? Found near the Ruddiman.
- A pair of rimless glasses in a black leather hard case?
- A cross necklace on a blue piece of yarn? Found at Taste of the Northside
- A Men's, size M denim jacket? Found after a City Council meeting.

Stop in City Hall to see if your lost is found.

## Lost& Found

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# City of North Muskegon

1502 Ruddiman Dr.  
North Muskegon, MI 49445  
**Return Service Requested**

231-744-1621  
Fax: 231-744-0367  
[www.cityofnorthmuskegon.com](http://www.cityofnorthmuskegon.com)

PRST STD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit #184  
Muskegon, MI

## WATER & SEWER SHUTOFF/TURN ON NOTICE

The fee for turning water on or off has been changed to \$50.



## WANTED

Children's books through 6th grade reading level for the Coalition for Community Development. Call Doris Rucks at 722-0077 for more information.

Pay your water bill the "DIRECT" way. Call 744-1621 to find out how.

## RE M I N D E R S

- ◆ It is unlawful to park on your grass.
- ◆ The Sidewalk Plow will not be running again this year. Please plow or shovel your sidewalk.
- ◆ Adopt-a-hydrant - If there is a hydrant in front of your home or business, please keep it cleared throughout the winter.
- ◆ Residents: The Community Center is available for rent. Call 744-1621 to schedule your next party.
- ◆ Snow plow permits are now available and are required of all plow drivers.

## WINTER PARKING



Section 18A of Ordinance 199 prohibits parking on any street within the corporate limits of the City of North Muskegon between **November 1st and March 31st** during the early morning hours. Owners of cars parked on city streets between **2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.** will be ticketed. **Also, please remember that when parking on the street, the vehicle must face the correct direction. Tickets will be issued to violators.**

## TOYS FOR TOTS

The City of North Muskegon City Hall is a drop off location for the US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. The program begins November 1. Help us provide toys, a message of hope to needy youngsters, this year! City Hall is open from 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.