



City Of NORTH MUSKEGON

City of North Muskegon Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2016



August 11-13, 2016

The Northside Family Fun Fest

The three-day weekend kicks off on **Thursday, August 11**, with the widely anticipated parade. The parade begins at Fleming St. (near City Hall) and ends at Charles St. The route is approximately one (1) mile.

On **Friday, August 12**, the Taste of the Northside returns. Participants include Northern Muskegon County restaurants and food vendors offering a variety of

food. The event also features a beer and wine garden, car show, live music and fireworks over Muskegon Lake!

On **Saturday, August 13**, the Art Fair will be held in Walker Park. We are working hard to bring you a wide variety of vendors and a new array of food and beverage selections. This year's art fair vendors will be limited to original art, crafts and homemade objects.

GET FRONT ROW SEATS - BRING your lawn chair to the parade and AGAIN to the Taste of the Northside.

DON'T forget to bring your ID to the Taste of the Northside. All persons are required to show their ID, no matter the age.

Congratulations Chief Tom Korabik



Chief Korabik will be attaining the office of President to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Job Opening - On Call Firefighter

North Muskegon Fire Department is accepting applications for Paid On Call Firefighter. Applications can be picked up at the North Muskegon City Hall. Please return the application with resume to the North Muskegon Fire Chief's office. You must have a high school diploma, and a valid Michigan drivers license to apply.

Home Improvement Guide

If you're planning a home improvement project: deck, fence, shed, windows, siding, air conditioning, water heater, etc., know the rules and regulations that apply to your project.

Make sure you apply for and obtain any necessary permits **before any work begins**. The following are a few basic questions to consider before getting started:

- * Do I know where my property lines are?
- * Do I know the required setbacks relative to my project?
- * Do I know the building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical requirements for my project?
- * Do I need a permit from the City?



Permit Applications are available on our website www.cityofnorthmuskegon.com or can be picked up at City Hall.



Volunteer for the Family Fun Fest! Interested? Call 744-1621

NOTICE:

Loose leaf piles with sticks will not be picked up!

Be sure all sticks/debris are removed before putting leaf piles on terrace.

Dump Permits



Permits are available at City Hall allowing each residential household two trips to the County landfill at 9366 Apple Avenue, 724-6001. Permits are effective from 6/1 until 5/31 of each year. Uncovered trucks and trailers will be charged a \$5 surcharge. **NO APPLIANCES, YARD WASTE (LEAVES, GRASS, BRUSH, STUMPS, BRANCHES, ETC), WHOLE TIRES, PROPANE TANKS, ASBESTOS, OR HAZARDOUS WASTES ACCEPTED.**

Did You Know?

The City has a drop box so residents can drop off payments at their convenience. City staff checks the drop box daily at 8:30 a.m.



Look for the new Kayak Rack at Bear Lake Beach!

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From The Desk of Your Fire Chief:

Fire deaths in Western Michigan are the highest in the nation. Fire related deaths occur most often in homes without functioning smoke detectors. Remember to replace the batteries in all of your smoke detectors.

If you need a smoke detector, your local fire department may have some available.

Be sure to practice fire escape drills in your home.

Steven Lague
Fire Chief



Ordinance Reminders



Noxious Weeds: Noxious weeds, grass more than 8" in height, dead bushes and/or trees, stumps, bushes and trees infested with dangerous insects or infectious diseases must be cut and removed from property during the growing season, namely April-October.

Garage Sales Require A Permit! Permits are available at City Hall, or on our website. Only one sign per lot is allowed. No sign shall be placed within a right-of-way (including utility poles). No signs shall be placed more than 24 hours before a sale.

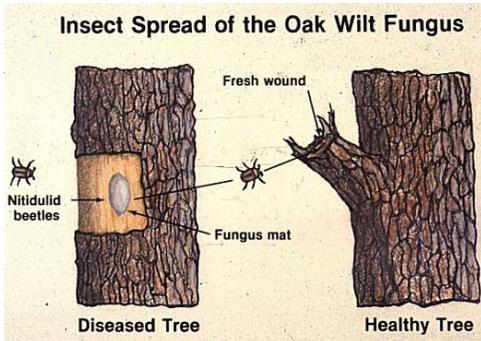
Recreational Vehicle Ordinance: Recreational vehicles/equipment and trailers may only be parked as an accessory use for lots on which a principal use or building is located and such parking shall not be within the **front yard** or nearer than three (3) feet to a side or rear lot line. From November 1 through April 14 and June 1 through September 14, recreational vehicles/equipment may be parked within any yard for cleaning, loading, or unloading purposes for not more than seventy-two (72) hours within any five (5) calendar day period if no public sidewalk is blocked or visual obstruction created. From April 15 through May 31 and from September 15 through October 31, recreational vehicles/equipment may be parked within any yard for the purposes of moving, cleaning and transfer for a period not to exceed a total of 14 days if no public sidewalk is blocked or visual obstruction is created. At no time shall trailers be parked on an unpaved surface within a lot.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Mar 21 - Council Meeting
- Mar 25 - Good Friday, *City Hall Closed*
- Apr 04 - Bagged Yard Waste Pick Up
- Apr 04 - Loose Leaf Pick Up
- Apr 18 - Council Meeting
- May 02 - Council Meeting
- May 03 - Special Election - School
- May 16 - Council Meeting
- May 30 - Memorial Day, *City Hall Closed*
- Jun 06 - Council Meeting
- Jun 20 - Council Meeting
- Jul 04 - Independence Day, *City Hall Closed*
- Jul 18 - Council Meeting
- Aug 01 - Council Meeting
- Aug 02 - Primary Election
- Northside Family Fun Fest**
 - August 11 - Parade, 7:30 pm
 - August 12 - Taste of Northside, 6:00 pm
 - August 13 - Art Fair, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Aug 15 - Council Meeting
- Sep 05 - Labor Day, *City Hall Closed*
- Sep 19 - Council Meeting
- Oct 03 - Council Meeting
- Oct 17 - Council Meeting
- Nov 07 - Council Meeting
- Nov 08 - Presidential Election
- Nov 21 - Council Meeting

Information and tips on preventing Oak Wilt Disease

Oak Wilt first appears as a gray clump on the bark of an infected oak tree. The disease splits the bark and is noticeable when a tree's leaves change color months too early. This fungal disease is spread when beetles carry spores from an infected tree to a freshly pruned tree. It can also spread below the ground when the roots of neighboring oak tree graft together, enabling the disease to move through the trees' root system.



Oak Wilt is a containable disease. Do not move firewood from one location to another. During warmer months (mid-April thru mid-September), avoid tree pruning. If pruning is necessary or the wind has broken a tree limb, use a pruning sealer to cover the wound and keep sap from leaking. Prevent Oak Wilt from spreading underground by trenching around the roots of an infected region of trees. Protect trees that have not been infected, but are within the diseased area by treating healthy trees with fungicides.

For more information on Oak Wilt Disease prevention and identification, contact Sam Janson at sjanson@cityofnorthmuskegon.com.

Now Accepting Credit Cards & Online Bill Pay!



Pay your water/sewer bill and/or property tax by credit card, either at City Hall, or on our website at www.cityofnorthmuskegon.com.

Note: Convenience fee - 3% for Credit Cards (min. \$2) E-Check - \$3 Flat Fee



Sign up to receive electronic notices and newsletters to your email account at: www.cityofnorthmuskegon.com

Bagged Yard Waste **Begins April 4th!**

Leaf & grass clipping containers or paper bags will be picked up each Monday, with the exception of holidays. Service begins on the West side of the City heading East. Homeowner containers (35-gallon or smaller) must be labeled with a Yard Waste sticker available at City Hall. Bags and/or containers should be moved to the terrace area (not on the street) on Sunday evening.

REMINDERS: Loose Leaf Pick Up **Begins April 4th!**

- Don't mix anything in with loose leaves (Mixed piles will not be collected.)
- Keep loose leaves in a narrow row along the curb. (Leaves spread out into the traffic lane will not be collected.)
- If you live on a dead end street your leaves should be placed on the right side of street as you enter the dead end.
- Leaves will not be collected from alleys.

Brush Pick Up **Already Begun!**

Brush/stick pick up will continue throughout the season. DPW will pick up piles from terraces. Sticks should be no more than 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length.

The City of North Muskegon will be conducting the following elections in 2016:

- ◇ Special School Election: May 3, 2016 - Last day to register to be eligible to vote: April 4, 2016
- ◇ August Primary: August 2, 2016 - Last day to register to be eligible to vote: July 5, 2016
- ◇ November General: November 8, 2016 - Last day to register to be eligible to vote: October 4, 2016

Persons who have never voted in Michigan who choose to register by mail must appear in person to vote in the first election in which he or she wishes to participate.

Absentee ballot applications are available at City Hall.

