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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Muskegon County, Michigan has adopted a meeting schedule for the year 2011, as follows below. The meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. Township work sessions may be conducted upon request at a location other than the administrative offices.

January 19, 2011	July 13, 2011
February 16, 2011	August 17, 2011
March 16, 2011	September 21, 2011
April 20, 2011	October 19, 2011
May 18, 2011	November 16, 2011
June 15, 2011	December 21, 2011

The above meetings will commence at 10:00 A.M. in the offices at 7700 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, unless otherwise modified by special notice. Special meetings may be called as needed pursuant to the Open Meetings Act

The public and/or interested citizens are welcome to attend the meetings when the Board of County Road Commissioners meets to consider all matters before the Commission.

Kenneth J. Hulka,  
Manager Director/Clerk

## The Greater Muskegon Woman's Club

By Florence Bright

Once upon a time, many years ago, a prominent Muskegon woman attended a literary club meeting in another city. Her heart was touched, and she returned home with a dream to involve her equally prominent friends in a similar organization in Muskegon.

The year was 1890, a time when few women were educated as well as men. Women were encouraged to pursue only domestic subjects. In fact, wealthy men preferred it that way! Women were destined to marry well, raise families, and know the fine points of entertaining.

On an October afternoon, four or five women gathered for tea and discussed establishing a group for self-education. They recruited their friends, and on October 24, 1890, thirty women became charter members of the Muskegon Woman's Club. They wanted to learn EVERYTHING! Their goal was to pursue literature, music and art. The wrought-iron sign representing these three areas still hangs on the corner of the clubhouse.

Their accomplishments over the years were almost unbelievable. They were driven to attain worthy goals, not just for themselves, but also for their community. They pursued good and noble causes that we still benefit from today.

Today's "Greater" Muskegon Woman's Club (GMWC) has served the community continuously for 121 years. Not too many organizations can make that claim. In spite of the number of years the club has existed, few of today's Muskegon County citizens are aware of what has transpired at 280 W. Webster Avenue. This historic landmark, listed as a state historical site, is a woman's cultural center.

Today's members decided it's time to tell the club story and invite the community to participate in a three-year celebration, which began in 2010. The Greater Muskegon Woman's Club has pioneered a comprehensive three-year program to honor women. In March, 2010, the Muskegon County Women of Achievement Hall of Fame was dedicated. In March, 2011, a Muskegon County Women's History / Vision Museum will be dedicated. Both are permanently housed in the clubhouse. In March, 2012, two books will be dedicated. One tells the story of GMWC from 1890 to today. The other tells the story of all other Muskegon women who did great things for the Muskegon community from the building of the first mill in 1837 to today.

The dedication on March 5 will honor the club's women and their achievements that Muskegon County still benefits from today. It's a story of both struggle and joy. The building is a Muskegon treasure. The story of 121 years of dreams come true will touch your heart. The history is a mosaic of well-known Muskegon names that parallel the names of Muskegon's wealthy (and not-so-wealthy) founders, who were almost always men.

A public open house will occur on March 5, 2011, from 9 a.m. to noon in the clubhouse on the corner of Webster and Second. In view of the fact that this is a "women's" museum, women and girls will find it especially interesting. No admission fee or reservation is required.

The dedication itself will occur from 1 to 4 p.m. on March 5. Attendance at this event is by invitation only due to limited seating. Reservation information is outlined in the invitations. The keynote speaker will be Sandy Soifer, the executive director of the Michigan Women's Historical Center and Hall of Fame located in Lansing. In keeping with the 1890 date, an afternoon Victorian tea will be served at 3 p.m., after which guests

may tour the building.

In addition to the dedication of the museum, we will again honor the Women of Accomplishment who became part of the Hall of Fame. In view of the fact that Muskegon Community College celebrates new inductees to their program after our event, on March 5 we will recognize the five Women of Accomplishment named last March, 2010. Their names will then be formally added to the Hall of Fame permanently housed in the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club tearoom.

In keeping with the focus of the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club three-year plan, two other community-enriching projects are in place and will be managed by the Hall of Fame-History / Vision Museum committee.

A "Paver Program" now allows all Muskegon County women to honor, in perpetuity, other women dear to them. GMWC's motto is "Continuing the Legacy." The club hereby extends to all women the opportunity to "remember" and "continue the legacy." This memorial will fill the terrace across the entire front of the clubhouse. A rendering is on display at the club and a brochure details the program.

A "Muskegon County Women's Council for Culture and Community Enhancement" provides a forum for the discussion of many critical community topics dealing especially with women's issues. It also provides a vehicle to establish other programs that inform and educate. Members are representatives from several other women's organizations (on a rotating basis), mentored by three GMWC members. The first two projects are: (1) Planning several events for the March, 2012 Women's History Month observance; (2) Offering two girls' teas later in 2011, along with a program to (a) encourage young (school-age) Muskegon County women to learn how to serve their community; and (b) to learn and practice the art of etiquette and good manners.

Questions on all of the foregoing may be directed to the Greater Muskegon Woman's Club via telephone at (231) 725-9220 or the website at [www.MuskegonWomansClub.org](http://www.MuskegonWomansClub.org).

## Muskegon County Garden Club events calendar

By Alice Pasarela

Muskegon County Garden Club members and guests will meet in February and March at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 1655 W. Norton Avenue in Muskegon. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. The cost is \$6 per person. A business meeting will follow the program.

On February 21, club member Rick Peters will present "View our Gardens in the Middle of Winter." He has collected pictures from members' gardens over the year and will present this slide program. It will be a nice break from viewing snow outside our windows this time of year.

The March 21 program, "Surviving Your Garden," will be presented by Carol DeVries, a member of the Grand Valley Daylily Society. Others tell you what to do with your garden, but Carol will demonstrate how to get it done.

All programs are open to the public. For more information, call (231) 798-7625 or (231) 759-7031. The Muskegon County Garden Club is a member of the Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. •

## Glaucoma – Are you at risk?

(Submitted by Shoreline Vision)

There are approximately 2.2 million Americans age 40 and older who have glaucoma, and half of those are at risk for going blind because they do not know they have the disease. You could be one of them.

Glaucoma is a condition in which the optic nerve, responsible for transmitting visual information from the eye to the brain, is damaged. Although the nerve damage is usually associated with elevated pressure inside the eye, other factors can be involved. It may begin with the loss of peripheral vision and then advance to a reduction in central vision. Glaucoma can potentially lead to vision loss or blindness.

"Most people who have glaucoma don't notice symptoms until they begin to lose some vision. But vision loss from glaucoma can be prevented if it's detected and treated in time," said Dr. Mark Kinziger, ophthalmologist at Shoreline Vision.

So, who's at risk? African Americans over age 40, Hispanics, people with a family history of glaucoma, individuals over age 60, people with other health conditions such as diabetes, and those who have experienced a serious eye injury are considered at risk. Anyone who falls into one or more of these categories should talk with an eye doctor about how often an eye examination should be conducted to ensure good vision.

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