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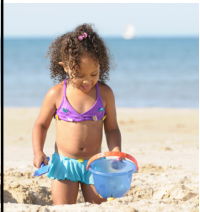
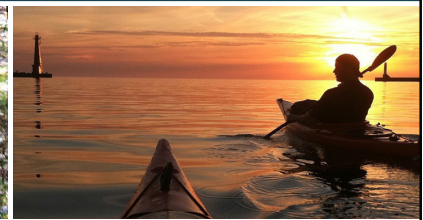
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Mark Eisenbarth is the Muskegon County Administrator. The administration office attempts to promote a high quality of life by encouraging economic development, culture/diversity, health, public safety, education and preservation of natural resources.

Address: 990 Terrace St., Fourth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6520

Email: eisenbarthma@co.muskegon.mi.us

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/229/Administration

County Clerk

Nancy A. Waters serves as clerk for Muskegon County. She performs marriages and provides applications and fingerprinting for concealed pistol licenses (CPL). Births, deaths and marriages in Muskegon County are

recorded and filed with the Muskegon County Clerk.

As county clerk, Waters is also the clerk of the Muskegon County Circuit Court and maintains civil, criminal, domestic, and custody files. All filed court documents are put on the court computer system. The public can access those files at the counter of the County Clerk's Circuit Court Records Office.

Address: 990 Terrace St., First Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6221

Email: clerk@co.muskegon.mi.us

Hours: 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m. M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/407/County-Clerk

County Prosecutor

DJ Hilson, as the county prosecutor, is the chief law enforcement officer for Muskegon County.

Address: 990 Terrace St., Fifth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6435

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/634/About-the-Prosecutor

Register of Deeds

Mark F. Fairchild serves as register of deeds for Muskegon County. The Register of Deeds records deeds, mortgage liens, surveys, plats, land contracts, condominiums, financing statements, related documents and other documents related to real estate. As Register of Deeds, Fairchild also collects real estate transfer tax for the state of Michigan and the county. Fairchild is also the chairman of the Muskegon County plat board.

Address: 173 E. Apple Ave., Suite 301, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6271

Email: deeds@co.muskegon.mi.us

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F

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Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/848/Register-of-Deeds

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Departments and Services

County Sheriff

Michael J. Poulin serves as Muskegon County sheriff. The sheriff's office is responsible for public safety in the county. Animal control can be reached through 911. The animal shelter, located at 1300 E. Keating Ave., Muskegon, operated by Pound Buddies, can be reached at (231) 724-6500.

Address: 990 Terrace St., Sixth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6351

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/173/Sheriff

Emergency Management

As director of emergency management, Richard Warner directs the disaster preparedness activity for Muskegon County. He plans for effective control and emergency services.

Address: 1611 Oak Ave., Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6341

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/Directory.aspx?DID=10

Equalization Department

Donna B. VanderVries serves as Equalization Director of Muskegon and Newaygo counties. As director, VanderVries is responsible for advising the County Board of Commissioners regarding property tax base issues. As an advisory agency, the department has no policing or enforcement powers. The department surveys local assessed values, measures local assessment levels, and calculates total assessed values for all taxing jurisdictions within the county. The department then presents this information to the Board of Commissioners in its annual equalization report. Muskegon County Equalization contracts with eleven municipalities to provide assessment administration services.

Address: 173 E. Apple Ave., Ste. 201, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6386

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/722/Equalization

Finance and Management Services

Beth Dick heads the finance department for Muskegon County. The finance and management department provides services in accounting, budget, and purchasing.

Address: 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6520

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/702/Finance-Management

Parks and Recreation

The Muskegon County parks system consists of Blue Lake County Park, 17505 White Road, Bailey; Patterson County Park, 5895 Blackmer Road, Ravenna; Pioneer County Park, 1563 Scenic Drive, North Muskegon; and Twin Lake County Park, 6231 Main St., Twin Lake.

There is overnight camping at Blue Lake County Park, Meinert Pines Campground and Pioneer County Park. Make reservations at www.muskegoncountyparks.org. Boat launching facilities are available at Deremo Access Site, Moore County Park and Twin Lake County Park.

Address: 1563 Scenic Drive, North Muskegon

Phone: (231) 744-3580

Hours: Muskegon County Parks are open: 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from May 1 to Sept. 30; 8 a.m. to dark daily from Oct. 1 to April 30 (Blue Lake Park is closed Sept. 15 to May 15)

Website: www.muskegoncountyparks.org

Public Health

Kathy Moore serves as the director of Muskegon Public Health. Douglas Hoch is the medical director and Joyce L. deJong serves as chief medical examiner for the county.

The Muskegon County Department of Public Health is responsible for health

promotion, disease prevention and environmental health protection.

- Animal Bite Investigation:

(231) 724-1204

- Adult & Child Care Facility Inspections; Beach Water Monitoring; Campground Inspections; Environmental Health; Nuisance Abatement; Public Swimming Pool Inspections; Radon Testing; Septic Permits & Evaluations; Vacant Land Evaluations; Well Permits & Evaluations; Water Testing: (231) 724-6208

- Children's Special Health Care Services: (231) 724-6209

- Communicable Disease Management: (231) 724-1287

- Community Engagement: (231) 724-1203

- Epidemiology: (231) 724-1202

- Food Service Sanitation: (231) 724-4406

- Health Education & Promotion: (231) 724-6350

- Hearing & Vision Screening: (231) 724-1394

- STI Testing & Treatment: (231) 724-1258

- Immunizations: (231) 724-1220

- Medical Examiner: (269) 337-6173

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness: (231) 724-1292

- Public Health Nursing: (231) 724-1244

- Substance Abuse Prevention: (231) 724-6350

- Women, Infants & Children (WIC): (231) 724-1391

Address: 209 E. Apple Avenue Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6246

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/793/Public-Health

SENIOR SERVICES

Agewell Services

Agewell Services provides services such as daily Meals on Wheels delivery, lunches and programs for seniors,

elder abuse education programs, and the Tanglewood Park wellness center. Tanglewood Park programs range from fitness and exercise to art, music, computer classes, clubs, cards and games. The Tanglewood Cafe is open M/W/F from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and T/Th from 7 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Address: Tanglewood Park, 560 Seminole Road, Muskegon 49444

Phone: (231) 755-0434

Hours: 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., M-F

Website: www.agewellservices.org

Lunch/Activity Centers

Egelcraft Mobile Home Park 2129 Arrowhead Dr., Muskegon, (231) 773-4400

Ravenna First Reformed Church 3327 Mortimer St., Ravenna, (231) 577-4825

Holton United Methodist Church 9530 Holton-Duck Lake Rd., Holton, (231) 821-2705

Jefferson Towers 1077 Jefferson St., Muskegon, (231) 557-1189

Northside Seniors Community United Methodist Church 1614 Ruddiman Dr.,

North Muskegon, (231) 744-8613

Orchard View Community Education Center 1765 Ada Ave. Muskegon, (231) 760-1348

Pine Grove Manor 1764 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, (231) 577-2284

Driftwood Café at Tanglewood Park 560 Seminole Rd., Norton Shores, (231) 733-8644

Shawl Apartments 225 S. Hall St., Whitehall (231) 894-4670

HealthWest

HealthWest has a wide array of integrated health services designed to meet the needs of adults and youth with serious behavioral health challenges, developmental disabilities and co-occurring substance use disorders.

Address: 376 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-1111

Website: www.healthwest.net

Email: customer.services@healthwest.net

In addition, crisis lines are:

Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

(800) 273-TALK (8255)

HealthWest Crisis Helpline:

(231) 722-HELP (4357)

Senior Resources

Senior Resources is the area agency on aging for Muskegon, Oceana, and Otsego counties, helping older adults and their families make informed choices to live as they choose. Senior Resources serves as the gateway to local aging resources, planning efforts and services for adults 60 and older and their families. Options Counselors meet with older adults and their families to offer a wide variety of options, including connecting to in-home care, meals, medication management, adult day centers, and much more.

Address: 560 Seminole Road, Muskegon 49444

Phone: (231) 739-5858, or 231-733-3585

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Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. M-F

Website: seniorresourceswmi.org

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In addition to commercial airline activity, MKG has significant general aviation activity. MKG plays an important role in the transportation of people and goods on behalf of the region contributing over \$56 million in annual economic impact. Muskegon County Airport is also home to the U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue facility, staffed during the summer months to provide wa-

ter rescue and national security services. Always "Check MKG First" for your air travel needs.

Address: 99 Sinclair Dr., Muskegon, 49441

Phone: (231) 798-4596

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/160/Airport

Muskegon Transit

The Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) provides public transportation throughout Muskegon County. Make sure to be at the bus stop five minutes before the published stop time.

For people more than 60 years old or who have a disability, the GoBus is available for transportation throughout all of Muskegon County. Rides may be requested between 6:28 a.m. 10:49 p.m. Monday-Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:40 p.m. Fares range from \$2 in the metro zone to \$5 in the outlying areas.

Address: Louis A. McMurray Conference Center, 2624 Sixth St., Muskegon

Heights, 49444 / Herman Ivory Terminal, 351 Morris St., Muskegon, 49440

Phone: (231) 724-6420

Website: www.matsbus.com

Concealed Pistol License

To find a CPL class, check the phone book or Google CPL Training in Muskegon or gun clubs in Muskegon. After the class, pick up an application at the County Clerk's office, 990 Terrace St., Muskegon, or online at www.michigan.gov. File your application at the County Clerk's office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You will need a certificate from your training class; a current picture identification (Michigan Driver's License or State Identification); an application fee of \$100 for new applicants and \$115 for renewal applicants.

Address: 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon

Hours: 8 a.m.-4:45 p.m., M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/439/Concealed-Pistol-License

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The Hon. Gregory C. Pittman is presiding probate judge for Muskegon County. The Hon. Brenda E. Sprader serves as probate judge.

Address: 990 Terrace St., Fifth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6241

Hours: 8 a.m.-noon, 1-5 p.m. M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/Directory.aspx?DID=65

Circuit Court

Judicial power in Michigan is vested in the state Supreme Court, a Court of Appeals and a trial court of general jurisdiction.

The Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court is the trial court of general jurisdiction in Muskegon County. The Hon. William C. Marietti serves as chief circuit judge. Other circuit judges are the Hon. Annette Smedley, Timothy G. Hicks and Kathy Hoogstra.

Address: 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6323

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/362/14th-Circuit-Court

• Collections Division: (231) 724-3470

District Court

The 60th District Court in Muskegon County is headed by Raymond Kostrzewa, chief judge, and judges Maria Ladas Hoopes, Geoffrey T. Nolan, and Harold F. Closz.

All criminal cases, ranging from misdemeanors to felonies, are filed at the 60th District Court. The district court can also perform marriages.

Address: 990 Terrace St., Second Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6294

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/601/60th-District-Court

• 60th District Court Jury Duty: (231) 724-6228

• Probation Department: (231) 724-6238

• Sobriety Court: (231) 724-6511

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Superintendent: Bob Szymoniak

Address: 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd. Fruitport 49415

Phone: (231) 865-4100

Website: www.fruitportschools.net

Holton Public Schools

Rooted in community, reaching for excellence. The Holton Public Schools' community will foster a safe and respectful educational environment focused on life-long learning, college, career, and work place success, and the continuous growth of all stakeholders toward academic excellence.

Superintendent: Adam Bayne

Address: 6500 4th St., Holton 49425

Phone: (231) 821-1700

Website: www.holtonschools.com

Mona Shores Public Schools

Mona Shores inspires excellence, building character and impacting the future through academics, arts and athletics.

Superintendent: Bill O'Brien

Address: 121 Randall Road Muskegon 49441

Phone: (231) 780-4751

Website: www.monashores.net

Montague Area Public Schools

It is the mission of Montague Area Public Schools to educate and inspire all students to be motivated, articulate, productive, and successful citizens for today, tomorrow, and forever.

Superintendent: Jeffrey W. Johnson

Address: 4882 Stanton Blvd, Montague 49437

Phone: (231) 893-1515

Website: www.mapsk12.org

Muskegon Area Intermediate School District

Our primary mission is to provide the leadership, programs, and services that enhance the success of everyone we serve and it is our vision to be the premier source for quality educational leadership, programs, and services.

Superintendent: Dr. John Severson

Address: 630 Harvey St., Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 777-2637

Website: www.muskegonisd.org

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Superintendent: Matthew Cortez

Address: 349 W. Webster Ave., Muskegon 49440



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The Hackley Library was built in 1890 and was gifted to the School Board and City of Muskegon by Charles Hackley. Located at 316 West Webster Avenue, the Hackley Library is on the Michigan Register of Historic Places.

Phone: (231) 720-2000

Website: www.muskegonpublicschools.org

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System

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Superintendent: Rane' Garcia

Address: 2441 Sanford St., Muskegon Heights 49444

Phone: (231) 830-3703

Website: www.mhtigers.org

North Muskegon Public Schools

The mission of North Muskegon Public Schools is to assist all students in becoming lifelong learners, with the social skills necessary to become productive, responsible citizens of strong character.

Superintendent: Dr. Curt Babcock

Address: 1600 Mills Ave., North Muskegon 49445

Phone: (231) 719-4100

Website: www.nmps.net

Oakridge Public Schools

The community of Oakridge Public Schools exists to prepare every student, within a safe and healthy environment, with a globally competitive education focused on college preparation, workplace success, and lifelong learning.

Superintendent: Tom Livezey

Address: 275 S. Wolf Lake Rd., Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 788-7100

Website: www.oakridgeschools.org

Orchard View Schools

Orchard View schools strives to provide a safe, supportive environment that encourages academic growth, responsible citizenship, and life-long learning for all students.

Superintendent: Jim Nielsen

Address: 35 S. Sheridan, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 760-1300

Website: www.orchardview.org

Ravenna Public Schools

We place a great focus on the continual improvement of student outcomes.

Superintendent: Greg Helmer

Address: 12322 Stafford St., Ravenna 49451

Phone: (231) 853-2231

Website: www.ravennaschools.org

Reeths-Puffer Public Schools

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Superintendent: Steve Edwards

Address: 991 W. Giles Rd. Muskegon 49445

Phone: (231) 744-4736

Website: www.reeths-puffer.org

Whitehall District Schools

Whitehall District Schools, in partnership with parents and the community, are committed to help each child become a literate, caring, and contributing member of our world; accomplished through experiences in academics, the arts, athletics, and co-curricular programs.

Superintendent: Jerry McDowell

Address: 541 E. Slocum St., Whitehall 49461

Phone: (231) 893-1010

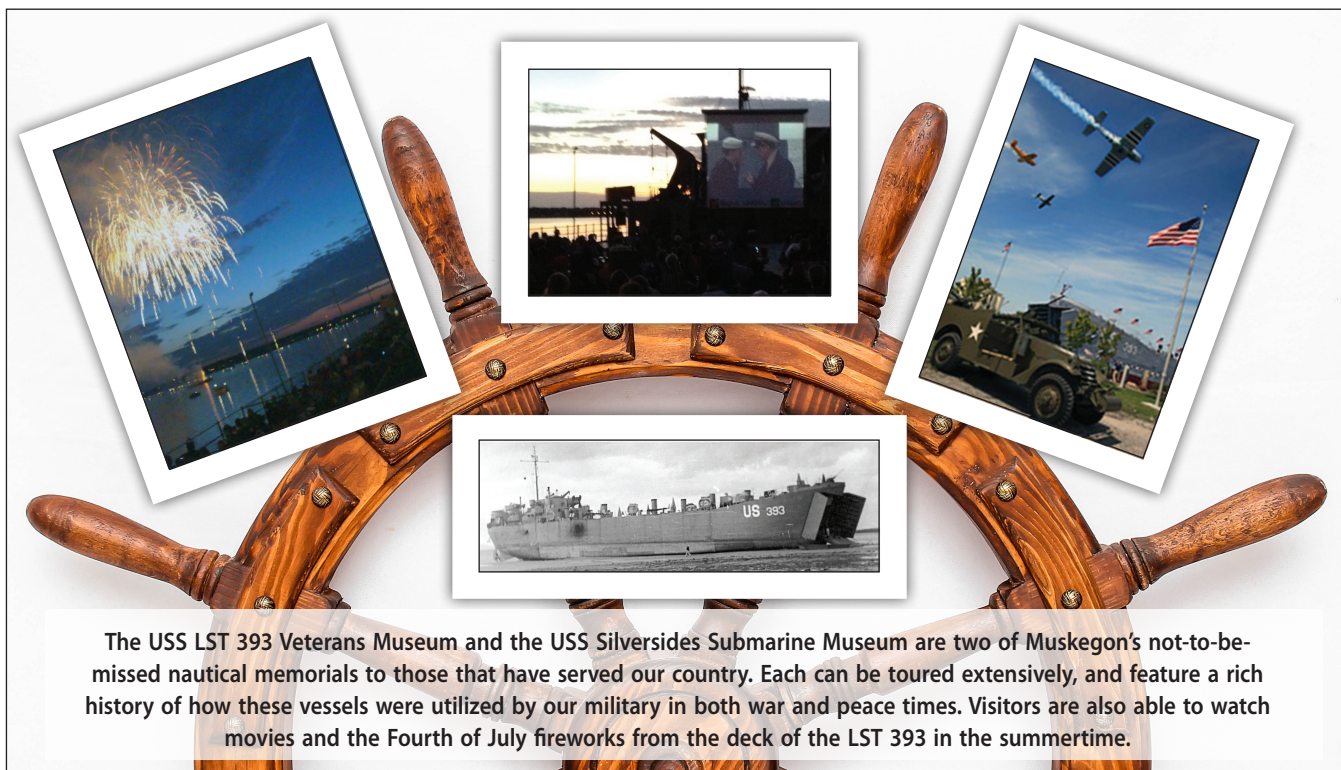
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For more information call 231-730-1477. To inquire about special events, call 231-725-5918 or e-mail us at info@lst393.org. USS LST 393 Veterans Museum is located at 560 Mart St., Muskegon, MI 49440. www.lst393.org



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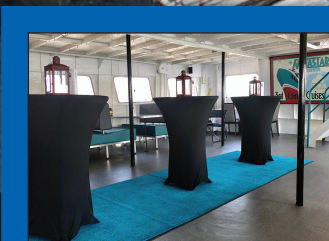
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The boat formerly known as the Port City Princess, was recently purchased by the Sand Products Corporation to keep the Historic Cruise Ship in Muskegon. It was given a face-lift and now stands proud in rich blue inspired by the SS AQUARAMA, the largest passenger ferry on the Great Lakes and renamed the Aquastar. The Aquastar, pictured at right and below, continues to cruise Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan through both private charters and public cruises. The Aquastar is a Coast Guard inspected vessel.



• Contributed photos



The Pearl Mist of Pearl Sea, below, docks at Heritage Landing in downtown Muskegon.

This season, as cruise ships dock in Muskegon, visitors have the opportunity to visit the LST 393 Veterans Museum and the USS Sliversides Submarine Museum, along with shopping, dining and exploring the streets of downtown Muskegon. There are currently three cruise lines docking with 13 visits this 2019 season.



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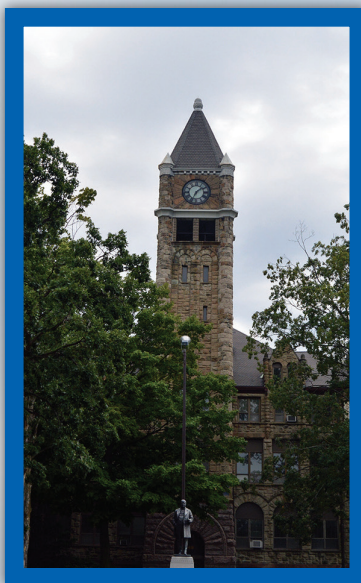
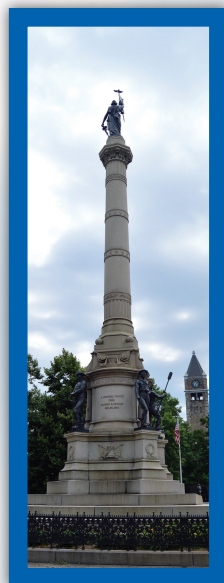


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Hackley Park Monuments

and Hackley Administration Building Clock Tower

Hackley Park is a National Historic Designated Park dedicated to the memory of Civil War Veterans. The Park's focal point is the Soldier Monument, above left, located in the center of the park.

Hackley Park hosts many events and concerts year around. The Administration Building and Clock Tower, above right, were built in 1889 and named for Lumber Baron Charles Hackley. Opened in 1897 they replaced a school that had burned down.



• Photo courtesy of Hanna Evans

Fire Barn Museum and Scolnik House of the Depression Era

The Fire Barn Museum was built by the City of Muskegon after fires struck the city in 1871 and 1874. This historic museum houses firefighting equipment from the 1880's through present day. Located next door is the Scolnik House of the Depression Era depicting how families lived in Muskegon during the Great Depression. Open May thru October. Both the Scolnik House and Fire Barn are located just a half block away from the Hackley and Hume Homes, and are open May through October.



• Photos courtesy of Hanna Evans

White Lake Municipal Marina

One of Whitehall's best kept secrets is located at the northeast end of White Lake. Offering 40 seasonal and 10 transient slips, the White Lake Municipal Marina, above, is surrounded by Goodrich Park, with an accessible play structure, a new gazebo, at left, and is just a short walk to downtown Whitehall.



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www.sweetwaterlocalfoodsmarket.org
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January

Muskegon Bridal Expo

January 11

Frauenthal Center, 425 W. Western Ave., Downtown Muskegon
Noon to 4 p.m.
(231) 343-3188

Presented by the Muskegon Bridal Association, the lakeshore's largest and longest running bridal show features the area's top vendors. There'll be free wedding planning workshops along with a fashion show. Free admission.

Muskegon Heights Library Open House

January 20

2808 Sanford St., Muskegon Heights
(616) 844-3066 or (231) 739-6075
Free community open house to see recent improvements made to the library from 6-8 p.m. A light dinner will be offered, along with a silent auction.

February

Snowfest

Downtown Muskegon
231-412-0705

2020 Calendar of Events

www.jcimuskegon.org/snowfest

Fun, family snow-filled events to celebrate winter

March

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Downtown Muskegon
231-412-0705
www.jcimuskegon.org

8th Annual White Lake Business Expo

March 21

Whitehall High School,
8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(231) 893-4585
Take a first-hand look at the products and services offered by White Lake Area businesses. The Expo, presented by the White Lake Area Chamber, is free and held in conjunction with the Montague-Whitehall Rotary Pancake Breakfast. This event features a DJ and over \$3,000 in prizes! Over 50 exhibitors will be set up in the gymnasium. Expect one-on-one interaction with local business owners and see all they have to offer.

May

6th annual HERO Mud Run

May 2

Muskegon County Fair Grounds
9 a.m. to noon
customerservice@heromud.com
An insane 5K obstacle run with 60+ unique and crazy obstacles with mud, fire and barbed wire. Register at Eventbrite.com.

Muskegon Rescue Mission's ForeShore Adventure Run

May 16

Pere Marquette Beach
www.foreshore.org
The lakeshore's 5k obstacle course run, featuring 25 obstacles suited for anyone to conquer. Proceeds help Muskegon Rescue Mission provide meals, shelter and life changing services to area homeless men, women and children.

Fruitport Old-Fashioned Days

May 20-25

Pomona Park
Third St. @ Park St., Fruitport Twp.
(231) 865-6220
www.fruitportlions.com
This annual event features fireworks, a carnival, community picnic, parade, Lions Ox Roast, a 5K Run, the Community Marketplace and Garage Sale, live entertainment in the band shell and more.

Lost Boat Ceremony

USS Silversides Submarine Museum
1346 Bluff St., Muskegon
(231) 755-1230
www.silversidesmuseum.org
Honoring submariners and personnel who were lost during World War II.

June

Parties in the Park

Select Friday nights, June - August

5-9 p.m.
Hackley Park, Downtown Muskegon
www.partiesinthepark.com
Free concerts featuring local bands, food and beverages

USS LST 393 Movies on Deck

Select Friday nights, June-August

560 Mart St., Muskegon
(231) 740-5610
www.lst393.org
Enjoy free movies aboard the USS LST 393 Veterans Museum

Antique Tractor and Engine Show

June 11 - 13

Muskegon County Fairgrounds
6621 Heights Ravenna Rd., Fruitport
(616) 887-7462
www.antiquefarmpowerclub.biz
Antique tractors and other farm equipment, trucks and rural antiques. Activities include tractor pulls, Ford Model A swap meet, children's activities, flea market, food vendors and more.

Muskegon Heights Festival in the Park

Rowan Park

(231) 578-2099

www.cityofmuskegonheights.org

Carnival, gospel service, sports tournaments, live music, grand parade, 5K run

Taste of Muskegon

Hackley Park, Downtown Muskegon

www.tasteofmuskegon.com

Restaurants, craft brews, boats, cars, music and more

42nd annual White Lake Area**Arts & Crafts Festival****June 20-21**

Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Goodrich Park

S. Lake St., Whitehall

(231) 893-4585

www.whitelake.org

70+ talented and creative artists participate in this very popular juried art show featuring a variety of hand-made art & crafts such as jewelry, wood furniture, birdhouses, ceramics, items for the gar-

den, clothing, paintings and prints, folk art, leather goods, floral designs, stained glass, signs, children's toys and bath items. Music, inflatable obstacle course and jump house, and food trucks with a variety of delicious specialties will be on hand as well.

Mercy Health Seaway Run & Expo**June 27**

441 W. Western Ave., Muskegon

www.seawayrun.com

Half Marathon, 10K, 5K and Community Fun Walk. Courses are USATF certified.

July**Lakeshore Art Festival****July 3 - 4**

Downtown Muskegon

(231) 722-3751

www.lakeshoreartfestival.org

Experience over 350 juried fine art and specialty craft exhibitors, a Chil-

dren's Lane, artisan food market, street performers, multiple interactive art stations, Chalk The Walk, and so much more.

Muskegon Rockstock

Heritage Landing

1050 Seventh St., Downtown Muskegon

www.muskegonrockstock.com**White Lake Area 4th of July Parade & Fireworks**
July 4

White Lake Area

231-893-4585

www.whitelake.org

Beginning at 10 a.m., it's a day of family fun starting with the annual parade starts that travels from Whitehall City Hall across the bridge to downtown Montague and features over 100 entries. Later, beginning at dusk, watch the awe-inspiring fireworks show at the North end of White Lake, viewable from both Montague and Whitehall downtown areas.



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Muskegon Bike Time

W. Western Ave., Downtown Muskegon
www.rebelroad.org
Motorcycles, live music, beverage tents and more.

Cruz'in Classic Car Show**July 31**

7-10 p.m.
(231) 893-1155
Stake out your spot along the downtown areas of Whitehall and Montague to see over 400 pre-1975 cars cruise from Funnell Field in Whitehall to downtown Ferry Street in Montague; follow the cars to Ferry St. where they will be on display. Enjoy the day with music, food, and fun for all ages.

August**Unity Christian Music Festival****August 5 - 8**

Heritage Landing
1050 Seventh St., Downtown Muskegon
231-773-3361
www.unitymusicfestival.com
Four days of the best in Christian Music. Starts off with our free Day Zero concert event on Wednesday, followed by full-event festival days Thursday through Saturday.

Norton Shores Arts & Drafts Festival

Ross Park
Wellesley Dr., Norton Shores
231-799-6802
www.nortonshores.org
Art fair, 5k, live music and more.

Shoreline Jazz Festival

Heritage Landing
1050 Seventh St., Downtown Muskegon
(313) 964-5050
www.shorelinejazzfestival.com

Listen to jazz along the waterfront in Muskegon.

Burning Foot Beer Festival

Pere Marquette Beach
1431 Beach St., Muskegon
www.burningfoot.beer
Craft beers and live music on the Lake Michigan.

Polish Festival

Hackley Park, Downtown Muskegon
(231) 375-5271
www.muskegonpolishfest.com
Authentic Polish food, dancing and music.

September**Annual Labor Day Community Walk****September 7**

(231) 893-4585
10 a.m. to noon
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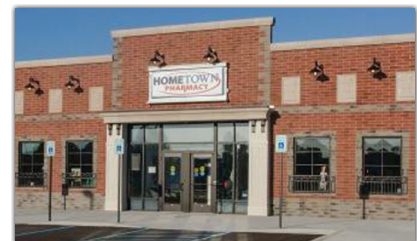
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Community Walk. The walk begins on the Hart-Montague Bike Trail Head (at the east end of Spring Street, located behind Whitehall Products and Montague Foods in Montague).

Michigan Irish Music Festival

Heritage Landing
1050 Seventh St., Downtown Muskegon
231-739-2028
www.michiganirish.org
Irish and Celtic music, food, games, shopping and more.

October

Depot-to-Depot Fall Color Tour

October 5, 12, 19

Union Depot/White Lake Depot
610 W. Western Ave., Downtown Muskegon/124 Hanson St., Whitehall
231-724-3100
www.visitmuskegon.org
A self-guided color tour with scenic and historic stops

November / December

26th annual White Lake Area Holiday Walk November 20-21

Whitehall and Montague
(231) 893-4585
www.whitelake.org
Friday from 2–8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Enjoy Christmas Open Houses, featuring gift guides, discounts & special sales, and delicious refreshments. Visit with Santa Claus and see if you made the nice list this year (fingers-crossed). Participating merchants and Santa's time and locations are located on the Holiday Walk Star Map/Entry Form, which can be picked up at the White Lake Area Chamber of Commerce or any participating Holiday Walk stop (look for the big blue sign in the window).
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Tree: Whitehall again hosts the White Lake Area "Tree Lighting Ceremony" Friday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m., culminating with the tree lighting on North Mears Ave. at 7 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to help

decorate the Community Christmas Tree by bringing their own ornaments or create make-and-take ornaments from participating stores. Gather at the north end of Mears Ave. and enjoy the festive voices of the members of the Whitehall High School with friends and family, while the aroma of roasted chestnuts fills the air and hundreds of holiday luminaries line the sidewalks.

Enjoy the Season of Giving: Friday, Nov. 20 from 5–8 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 21 from noon to 3 p.m., enjoy old-fashioned carriage rides in both Montague and Whitehall. Trolley rides will be available to transport you to any of our participating merchants throughout Montague and Whitehall Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Festival of Trees November – December

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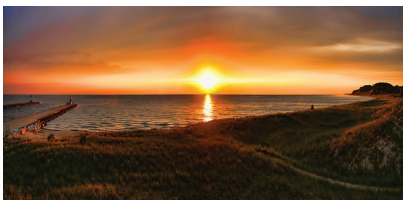
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The view from the Montague/Whitehall depot, at left, across White Lake is spectacular in every season. The largest working weathervane in the world, above, stands tall in Montague.

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Wondrous



The caboose, above, parked behind the shops of downtown Whitehall is a popular photo destination. A vast sunflower field, at right, is located at the Degen Farm in Montague.



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Muskegon County Cities

City of Montague

The City of Montague lies on the shore of White Lake, which connects to Lake Michigan. The city boasts a downtown shopping district, several parks and extensive bike trails. The City of Whitehall is located across White Lake.

City Hall Address: 8778 Ferry St., Montague 49437

Phone: (231) 893-1155

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Website: www.cityofmontague.org

Mayor: Tom Lohman

City Manager: Jeff Auch

City Clerk: Michelle Landis

City Treasurer: Timothy Paul

Police Chief: Robert Rought

City of Muskegon

The name “Muskegon” comes from the Ottawa Indian word “Masquigon,” meaning marshy river or swamp. Muskegon is home to the largest beach in West Michigan and boasts a wide array of shopping and entertainment opportunities. Muskegon is the largest city in Muskegon County and the county seat.

City Hall Address: 933 Terrace St., Muskegon 49440

Phone: (231) 724-6705

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Website: www.muskegon-mi.gov

Mayor: Stephen Gawron

City Manager: Frank Peterson

City Clerk: Ann Marie Meisch

City Treasurer: Sarah Petersen

City of Muskegon Heights

Just a 10-minute drive from Lake Michigan, Muskegon Heights is located in the southwest portion of Muskegon County. The city is home to the public transit headquarters.

City Hall Address: 2724 Peck St., Muskegon Heights 49444

Phone: (231) 733-8999

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Website: muskegonheights.us

Mayor: Kim Sims

City Manager: Lori Doody

City Clerk: Sharon Gibbs

Police chief: Dr. Joseph E. Thomas, Jr.

City of North Muskegon

The City of North Muskegon is a peninsula located between the shores of Muskegon Lake and Bear Lake. The city is only a few miles from Michigan’s Adventure amusement park, and provides easy access to a number of bike trails.

City Hall Address: 1502 Ruddiman Drive, Muskegon 49445

Phone: (231) 744-1621

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Website: northmuskegon.org

Mayor: Chris Witham

City Manager: Sam Janson

City Clerk: Lee Ann Clausen

City Treasurer: Tracy DeMarse

Police Chief: Edward Viverette

Fire Chief: Gordon Cole

City of Roosevelt Park

The City of Roosevelt Park is located to the southwest of the City of Muskegon. It became a separate city Aug. 20, 1946.

The city has nine parks which feature tennis courts, playgrounds, baseball fields, and gazebos.

City Hall Address: 900 Oak Ridge Road, Roosevelt Park 49441

Phone: (231) 755-3721

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Website: www.rooseveltpark.org

Mayor: Allan C. Lowe

City Manager: Jared Olson

City Clerk: Ann Wisniewski

City Treasurer: Kate Cunningham

Police Chief: David Boone

City of Whitehall

The City of Whitehall was established in 1859 when lumber baron Charles Mears founded the village of Mears. The village was renamed Whitehall in 1867 and became a city in 1943.

The city is located across the lake from Montague and offers an extensive marina.

City Hall Address: 405 E. Colby St., Whitehall 49461

Phone: (231) 894-4048

Website: www.cityofwhitehall.org

City Hall Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Mayor: Debra Hillebrand

City Manager: Scott K. Huebler

Clerk: Brenda Bourdon

Treasurer: Laurie Audo

Police Chief: Roger D. Squiers

Fire Chief: Greg Holman

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Muskegon County - www.co.muskegon.mi.us

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Muskegon County Townships

Blue Lake Township

Blue Lake Township is home to Blue Lake Fine Arts camp, a summer school of the arts located in Manistee National Forest. Blue Lake was formed in 1966 and celebrates its 50th anniversary season this year.

Address: 1491 Owasippe Road, Twin Lake 49457

Phone: (231) 894-6335

Township Hall Hours: Monday 2-5 p.m., T/W/TH 9 a.m.-noon

Website: www.bluelaketownship.org

Township Supervisor: Melonie L. Arbogast

Township Clerk: Jeff Abram

Township Treasurer: Deborah J. Therrian

Casnovia Township

Casnovia Township is located about 22 miles from the center of Muskegon and about 25 miles north of Grand Rapids. Casnovia is home to Half Moon Lake, which provides opportunities for boating, swimming and fishing.

Address: 245 S. Canada Road, Casnovia 49318

Phone: (616) 675-4064

Township Hall Hours: M/T/W 8 a.m.-1 p.m., TH 8 a.m.-2 p.m. F 8 a.m.-noon

Website: www.castwp.com

Township Supervisor: Kelli Ashbaugh

Township Clerk: Jennie Powell

Township Treasurer: Gayle Brock

Cedar Creek Township

Cedar Creek Township is located northeast of the city of Muskegon, bordering Holton Township on the north, Dalton Township on the west and Egelston Township on the south.

Address: 6556 Sweeter Road, Twin Lake 49457

Phone: (231) 821-0014

Township Hall Hours: M/T/W 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Website: www.cedarcreektownship.org

Township Supervisor: Linda M. Aerts

Township Clerk: Stephanie Kuziak

Township Treasurer: Heather Jarvis

Dalton Township

Dalton Township borders the village of Lakewood Club and is home to outdoor attractions such as horse trails, the Fred Meijer Berry Junction bike trail, and several inland lakes.

Address: 1616 E. Riley Thompson Road, Muskegon 49445

Phone: (231) 766-3043

Township Hall Hours: M-F 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Website: www.daltontownship.org

Township Supervisor: Tony Barnes

Township Clerk: Lori Hayes

Township Treasurer: Tammy Stephenson

Egelston Township

Egelston Township is home to Wolf Lake, which provides recreational opportunities for the township and surrounding communities.

Address: 5428 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon 49442



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Website: www.egelstontwp.org
Township Supervisor: John Holter
Township Clerk: Joan J. Raap, CMMC
Township Treasurer: Kelly Gerard

Fruitland Township

Fruitland Township is located north of Laketon Township and includes a long swath of Lake Michigan shoreline.

Address: 4545 Nestrom Road, Whitehall 49461

Phone: (231) 766-3208
Township Hall Hours: M/T/W/TH 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., F 8 a.m.-noon
Website: www.fruitlandtwp.org
Township Supervisor: Marcia Jeske
Township Clerk: Karolyn Rillema
Township Treasurer: Melissa Beegle

Fruitport Charter Township

Fruitport Charter Township, located in the south of Muskegon County, is home of the Lakes Mall Shopping Center. The township borders the Village of Fruitport.

Address: 5865 Airline Road, Fruitport 49415

Phone: (231) 865-3151
Township Hall Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Website: www.fruitporttownship-mi.gov
Township Supervisor: Heidi Tice
Township Clerk: Andrea Anderson
Township Treasurer: Rose Dillon

Holton Township

Holton Township is located in the north-east corner of Muskegon County. Holton Days is an annual community celebration every year on the last weekend of July.

Address: P.O. Box 328, 6511 Holton Whitehall Road, Holton 49425

Phone: (231) 821-2168
Township Hall Hours: M/T/W/TH 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Website: www.holtontownship.com
Township Supervisor: Alan Jager
Township Clerk: Sarah Hippler
Township Treasurer: William Halbower

Laketon Township

Laketon Township is nestled between

the shorelines of Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake.

Address: 2735 W. Giles Road, Muskegon 49445

Phone: (231) 744-2454
Township Hall Hours: M-F 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Website: www.laketon.org
Township Supervisor: Kim Arter
Township Clerk: Christina Achterhoff
Township Treasurer: Lori L. Archer

Montague Township

Montague Township borders Oceana County to the north, and the City of Montague to the south. The township is a rural in nature featuring attractions such as the White River, White Lake, Nature Preserves, Clear Springs, and Henderson Lake where there is an 18-hole disc golf course.

Address: 8915 Whitbeck Road, Montague 49437

Phone: (231) 894-4414
Township Hall Hours: Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Website: www.montaguetownship.com
Township Supervisor: Jeff King
Township Clerk: Wesley J. Weesies
Township Treasurer: Tracy Korthase

Moorland Township

Moorland Township borders Egelston Township on the west, Ravenna Township on the south and Casnovia Township on the east. Moorland was once largely composed of swamps.

Address: 12416 Apple Avenue, Ravenna 49451

Phone: (231) 853-2015
Township Clerk Hours: M/TH 9 a.m.-1 p.m.,
Supervisor & Treasurer Hours: T/TH 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Website: www.moorlandtwp.com
Township Supervisor: Dan Nutt
Township Clerk: Rose Spoelman
Township Treasurer: Maureen K. Hogan

Muskegon Township

Muskegon Township borders the City of Muskegon. It is the oldest township in the state of Michigan, created by the legislature in 1837.

Address: 1990 East Apple Avenue, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 777-2555
Township Hall Hours: M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Website: www.muskegontwp.org
Township Supervisor: Jennifer Hernandez
Township Clerk: Ann D. Oakes
Township Treasurer: Lindsay Theile

Ravenna Township

Ravenna Township, located in the southeast of Muskegon County, surrounds the Village of Ravenna.

Address: 3770 Blackmer Road, Ravenna 49451

Phone: (231) 853-6205
Township Hall Hours: M/T/W 8 a.m.- noon and 12:30 p.m.-2. F 8 a.m.- noon
Website: www.ravennatwp.com
Township Supervisor: Elmer Hoyle
Township Clerk: Penny Sherman
Township Treasurer: Sonja Patterson

Sullivan Township

Sullivan Township is located in the south of Muskegon County and is bordered by Ravenna in the east, Egelston in the north and Fruitport Township in the west.

Address: 8138 Hts. Ravenna Road, Ravenna 49451

Phone: (231) 853-6900
Township Hall Hours: M/T/W/TH 9 a.m.-5 p.m., F 9 a.m.-noon
Website: www.sullivantownship.com
Township Supervisor: Tony Mabrito
Township Clerk: Sue Buckner
Township Treasurer: Tammy Gillette

White River Township

White River Township is located in the northwest corner of Muskegon County and boasts a long stretch of Lake Michigan Shoreline. White River Township seeks to maintain a balance between development and the available resources and land to support it.

Address: 7386 Post Road, Montague 49437

Phone: (231) 894-9216
Website: www.whiterivertwp.com
Township Hall Hours: M 9 a.m.-noon
Township Supervisor: Michael L. Cockerill
Township Clerk: Patti Sargent
Township Treasurer: Deborah Harris

Whitehall Township

Whitehall Township borders the Village of Whitehall. Blue Lake Township is located to the east, Montague Township

to the north and Fruitland Township to the south.

Address: 7644 Durham Rd., Whitehall 49461

Phone: (231) 893-2095

Township Hall Hours: M/T/W 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

TH 9 a.m - 3 p.m.

Website: www.whitehalltwp.org

Township Supervisor: Charles L. Schmitigal

Township Clerk: Sarah Sylvester

Township Treasurer: June Lydens

Muskegon County Villages

Village of Casnovia

The Village of Casnovia is known as “the gateway to Michigan’s apple country.” The village lies on the border of Muskegon and Kent Counties.

Address: 141 N. Main St., Casnovia 49318

Phone: (616) 675-4780

Village Hall Hours: T/W/Th 9 a.m. - noon

Website: casnoviavillage.org

Village President: Consuelo Morris

Village Clerk: Coleen Boyer

Village Treasurer: Ashley Scudder

Village of Fruitport

The Village of Fruitport lies on the border of Muskegon and Ottawa counties. The village is home to Pomona Park, which boasts a band shelter and fishing pier.

Address: 45 N. Second Ave., Fruitport 49415

Phone: (231) 865-3577

Website: www.villageoffruitport.com

Village President: Roger Vanderstelt

Village Clerk/Treasurer: Ann LaCroix

Village of Lakewood Club

Lakewood Club lies in the north of Muskegon County. The village hosts fireworks each July.

Address: 6681 Automobile Road, Twin Lake 49457

Phone: (231) 894-9008

Village Hall Hours: M/W 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m., T/TH 8 a.m.-noon, F closed

Website: www.villageoflake-woodclub.org

Village President: Russell O. Lichner

Village Clerk: Wendy Bloem

Village Treasurer: Lisa Swanson

Village of Ravenna

Ravenna is located in Ravenna Township in the southeastern corner of Muskegon County. The village school district has two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.

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Phone: (231) 853-2360

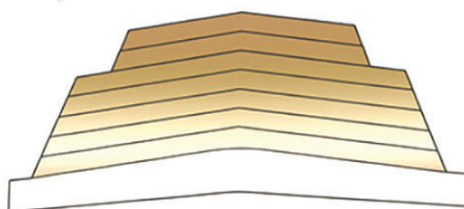
Village Hall Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Website: www.ravennami.com

Village President: Steve Dohm

Village Clerk: Dee Dee Hazen

Village Treasurer: Teresa Wingard



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