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Welcome to Muskegon County!

This diverse and economically robust county has an estimated 173,566 people and hundreds of businesses. Home to seven cities, four villages and 16 townships, Muskegon County also has 23 recognized historical markers, 13 public schools, four private schools and three colleges.

Located just three hours northeast of Chicago, on the picturesque eastern shore of Lake Michigan, Muskegon County is part of the fastest-growing region in the upper Midwest. The county has 13 major highways, including Interstate 96 (I-96) that starts there and ends in Detroit. The CSX freight rail lines run also through the area.

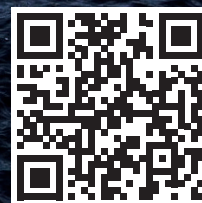
Muskegon County is also home to West Michigan's largest commercial deep-water port, and it's where history meets modern art throughout the revitalized downtown. Also, the Muskegon County Airport offers daily flights to Chicago and the Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids is less than an hour's drive.

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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: 1903 Marquette Ave. Suite A111, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6520

Email: eisenbarthma@muskegoncounty.net

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

County Clerk

Karen D. Buie 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, Buie 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: 1903 Marquette Ave. Suite A104, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6221

Email: clerk@muskegoncounty.net

Hours: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. M-Th

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., STE 550, Fifth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6435

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

Register of Deeds

William Moulatsiotis 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, Moulatsiotis 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) 724-6245

Email: deeds.information@co.muskegon.mi.us

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

Recording Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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



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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., STE 450, Fourth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6351

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/1709/Sheriffs-Office

Emergency Management

The department of emergency management directs the disaster preparedness activity for Muskegon County. It plans for effective control and emergency services.

Address: 1903 Marquette Ave. Suite J101, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6341

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/204/Emergency-Management

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 11 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

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

Address: 1903 Marquette Ave. Suite A106, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6206

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; Dune Harbor in Norton Shores; Meinhart Park, 8310 Meinhart Rd.; Moore 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

The Muskegon County Department of Public Health is responsible for health promotion, disease prevention and environmental health protection.

- Animal Bite Investigation: (231) 724-1228
- 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) 724-4723
- 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: 1903 Marquette Ave., Ste S101 Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6246

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

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/1712/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, the Tanglewood Park wellness center and the Berkshire affordable housing community.

Address: Administration Offices at Berkshire, 275 W. Clay Avenue, Suite 100. Wellness Center & Driftwood Cafe at Tanglewood Park, 560 Seminole Road, Muskegon 49444

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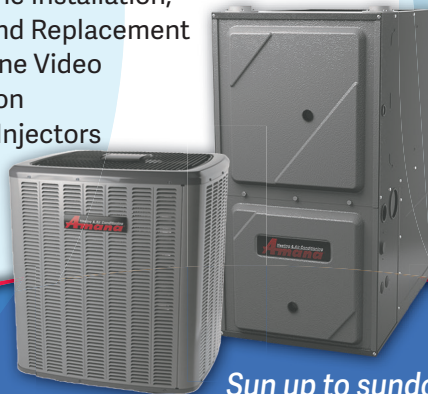
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In addition to commercial airline activity, MKG has significant general aviation activity. MKG plays an important role in the transportation of people and goods on behalf of the region contributing over \$56 million in annual economic impact. Muskegon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

Address: 99 Sinclair Dr., Muskegon, 49441

Phone: (231) 798-4596

Website: www.flymuskegon.com

Muskegon Transit

The Muskegon Area Transit System (MATS) provides public transportation throughout Muskegon County and is celebrating 50 years of service this year. 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

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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 p.m., M-Th

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

Muskegon County Courts

Probate Court

The mission of the Muskegon County Probate Court is to provide a forum to administer justice, a staff that is professional, knowledgeable and able to provide courteous and effective service.

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

Address: 990 Terrace St., STE 500, Fifth Floor, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6241

Hours: 8:30 a.m.-Noon, 1-4:30 p.m. M-F

Website: www.co.muskegon.mi.us/774/Probate-Court

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 14th Judicial Circuit Court is the trial court of general jurisdiction in Muskegon County. The Hon. Kenneth Hoppes serves as chief circuit judge. Other circuit judges are the Hon. Annette Smedley, Kathy Hoogstra, Matthew R. Kacel, Jenny L. McNeill, Brenda E. Sprader and Gregory C. Pittman (chief judge pro tem)

Address: 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 724-6251

Hours: 8 a.m.-noon and 1:30-5 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 the Hon. Raymond Kostrzewa, chief judge, and judges are the Hon. Maria Ladas Hoopes, Geoffrey T. Nolan (chief judge pro tem), and Paula B. Mathes.

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

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• Sobriety Court: (231) 724-6511

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Address: 990 Terrace Street, Muskegon 49442

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Superintendent: Jason Kennedy

Address: 3255 E. Pontaluna Rd. Fruitport 49415

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Superintendent: Adam Bayne

Address: 6500 4th St., Holton 49425

Phone: (231) 821-1700

Website: www.holttonschools.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: Randy Lindquist

Address: 630 Harvey St., Muskegon 49442

Phone: (231) 777-2637

Website: www.muskegonisd.org

Muskegon Public Schools

Strong schools, stronger communities is their motto, and they nurture productive thinkers who thrive in an ever-changing technological society each and every day.

Superintendent: Matthew Cortez

Address: 1458 5th St., Muskegon 49440

Phone: (231) 720-2000

Website: www.muskegonpublicschools.org

Muskegon Heights Public School Academy System

The goal for our students is to experience success and be academically prepared to take advantage of opportunities in a changing society. We want them to be innovative leaders in their fields, healthy individuals and community advocates who make a positive difference in the world.

Superintendent: Reedell Holmes

Address: 2441 Sanford St., Muskegon Heights 49444

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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: 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

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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

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Superintendent: Greg Helmer

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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: CJ Van Wieren

Address: 541 E. Slocum St., Whitehall 49461

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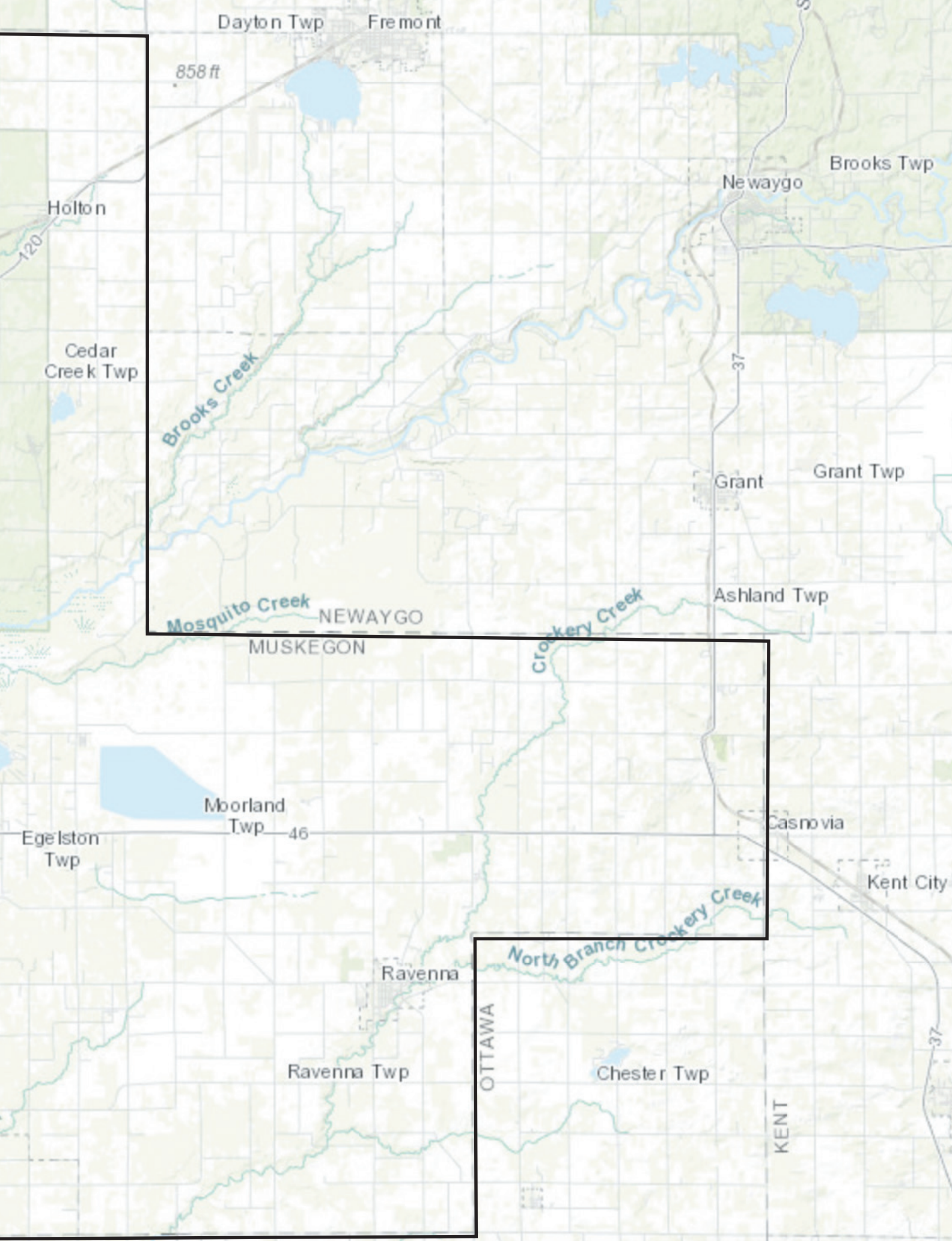
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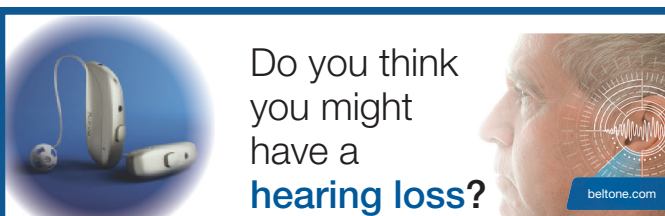
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Muskegon County Cities

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-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Website: www.cityofmontague.org

Mayor: Tom Lohman

City Manager: Jeff Auch

City Clerk: Kelly Markley

City Treasurer: Melissa Beegle

Police Chief: Rick Johnson

Fire Chief: Ron Anderson

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: Ken Johnson

City Manager: Jonathon Seyferth

City Clerk: Ann Marie Meisch

City Treasurer: Sarah Wilson

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-Thursday, 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Website: muskegonheights.us

Mayor: Bonnie McGlothin

City Manager: Melvin Burns

City Clerk: Jennifer Ross

Police chief (interim): Maurice Sain

Fire Chief: Shawnderick Roberson

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, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Website: northmuskegon.org

Mayor: Sabina Freeman

City Manager: Sam Johnson

City Clerk: Taylor Hobby

City Treasurer: Carrie Wilcox

Police Chief: Edward Viverette

Fire Chief: David Ogren

City of Norton Shores

Norton Shores is a young, growing city located on the shores of Lake Michigan in Muskegon County. It is well known for its natural scenic beauty, recreational opportunities, attractive neighborhoods and high quality school systems.

City Hall Address: 4814 Henry St., Norton Shores 49441

Phone: (231) 798-4391

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

Website: nortonshores.org

Mayor: Gary L. Nelund

City Administrator: Anthony Chandler

City Clerk: Rachel Pavlich

City Treasurer: Julie Davis Long

Police Chief: Mark Vanderstelt

Fire Chief: Tony Gutierrez

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-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Website: www.rooseveltpark.org

Mayor: Aaron Langlois

City Manager: Jared Olson

City Clerk: Ann Wisniewski

City Treasurer: Kate Dibble

Police Chief: Shawn Bride

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. It is located next to 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, 7:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Mayor: Steve Salter

City Manager: Scott K. Huebler

Clerk: Brenda Bourdon

Treasurer: Alyssa Seaver

Police Chief: Roger D. Squiers

Fire Chief: Peter C. McCarthy



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.



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.



The Frauenthal, above, also houses The Beardsley Theater, Clock-Cannon Theater, several meeting rooms, rehearsal halls, Muskegon Civic Theater and Smash Wine Bar.

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 Arbogast

Township Clerk: Jeff Abram

Township Treasurer: Deborah 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: Monday 8 a.m.-3 p.m., W/TH 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Website: www.casnoviatownshipmi.gov

Township Supervisor: Paul Black

Township Clerk: Carrie Marlatt

Township Treasurer: Penny Muma

Cedar Creek Township

Cedar Creek Township is located north-east 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: Chuck Luttrull

Township Clerk: Heather Delimata

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-Th 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Website: www.daltonmi.gov

Township Supervisor: Heather Cooley

Township Clerk: Amy Brown

Township Treasurer: Kristy Miles

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

Phone: (231) 788-2308

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

Egelston Township cont.

Website: www.egelstontwp.org

Township Supervisor: Amanda Faino

Township Clerk: Joan Raap

Township Treasurer: Trudy Rosema

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 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Website: www.fruitlandmi.gov

Township Supervisor:

Jeff Marcinkowski

Township Clerk: Alexa Steffes

Township Treasurer: Justin Roggero

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: Todd Dunham

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.-4 p.m.

Website: www.holtontownship.com

Township Supervisor: Alan Jager

Township Clerk: Candy Murat

Township Treasurer: William Halbower

Laketon Township

Laketon Township is nestled between the shorelines of Lake Michigan and Muskegon Lake.

Address: 2735 W. Giles Road, North Muskegon 49445

Phone: (231) 744-2454

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

Website: www.laketontwpmi.gov

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: Drew Roesler

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 & Treasurer Hours: M/TH 9 a.m.-1 p.m., **Supervisor Hours:** T/TH 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Website: www.moorlandtwp.com

Township Supervisor: Dan Nutt

Township Clerk: Rose Spoelman

Township Treasurer: Sabra Guy

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-TH 7:30 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Website: www.muskegontwpmi.gov

Township Supervisor: Jennifer Hodges

Township Clerk: Carrie Westbrook

Township Treasurer: Lindsay R. Theile

Ravenna Township

Ravenna Township, located in the south-east of Muskegon County, surrounds the Village of Ravenna.

Address: 3770 Blackmer Road, Ravenna 49451

Phone: (231) 853-6205

Township Hall Hours: M/T/W 9 a.m.-2 p.m. F 9 a.m.- noon

Website: www.ravennatwp.com

Township Supervisor: Steven Patterson

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/TH 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Website: www.sullivantownship.com

Township Supervisor: Courtney Glavich

Township Clerk: Heather Brown

Township Treasurer: Brooke VanHouten

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 Rd., Montague 49437

Phone: (231) 894-9216

Website: www.whiterivertwp.com

Township Hall Hours: M/W 9 a.m.- noon

Township Supervisor: Ron Bailey

Township Clerk: Julie Goericke

Township Treasurer: Mary Kriesel

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-TH 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Website: www.whitehalltp.org

Township Supervisor: Dennis Kroll
Township Clerk: Ilene Nichols
Township Treasurer: Madge Kraai

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: www.villageofcasnovia.org
Village President: Connie Morris
Village Treasurer: Shelley Carr
Village Clerk: Pamela Manciu

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.fruitportvillage.com
Village President: Roger Vanderstelt
Village Treasurer: Ann LaCroix
Village Clerk: Amy Haack

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.villageoflakewoodclub.org
Village President: Robert Sikkenga
Village Clerk: Susan West
Village Treasurer: Hannah Swanson

Village of Ravenna

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

Address: 12090 Crockery Creek Dr., Ravenna 49451
Phone: (231) 853-2360
Village Hall Hours: M-TH 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Website: www.ravennami.com
Village President: Steve Dodson
Village Clerk: Emily Carrigan
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Muskegon County Historical Markers

BY LOIS TOMASZEWSKI
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Next time you see a sign directing you to an historical marker, don't pass up the opportunity to learn more about Muskegon County. There are more than two dozen state historical society signs that offer glimpses into the people, places and event woven into the fabric of Muskegon County.

Here is a sampling of some of this history, with marker verbiage provided by Michigan History Center, Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

1750

Old Indian Cemetery: This cemetery was already established when the first white man came to the area. It is believed to have been used by the Ottawa as early as 1750 and is known to have been a burial ground from 1806 to 1854 for both Indians and settlers. The Daily-Badeau trading post existed from 1830 to 1848 on the shore of Muskegon Lake below the cemetery. Louis B. Badeau purchased Lot 2, containing the cemetery and much of downtown Muskegon, in 1839. This was the starting point for all the early surveys in the area. Near here Martin Ryerson set up his first sawmill. He obtained title to the cemetery, and in 1926 his son, Martin A. Ryerson deeded it to Muskegon with the stipulation that it be maintained in perpetuity.

The historic marker telling this story is located on Morris Avenue between First and Second streets.

1812

Jean Baptiste Recollect Trading Post: Near this site, on the shore of Muskegon Lake, stood the first Indian fur trading post in Muskegon County. It was established in 1812 by Jean Baptiste Recollect, a French fur trader believed to be this area's first white settler. Jean Recollect remained here for about a year when a new manager took over. The Muskegon post operated as a successful business enterprise for many years. Remains of the chimney of Recollect's station were visible as late as 1836.

The marker acknowledging this history is found on the southeast corner of Ruddiman Drive and Bear Lake Road at 310 Ruddiman Drive, Muskegon.

1843

Central United Methodist Church: The first Protestant society in Muskegon began as a mission station served by itinerant preachers. In 1843 the Reverend M. Warring held Muskegon's first service in Martin Ryerson's boarding-house. Deacon Abner Bennett, a black lay preacher, and his wife, Mary, a former servant of President James K. Polk, formed the White Lake Sunday School. Bennett frequently preached in Muskegon. The church was formally organized on November 20, 1856. In 1859 Muskegon Methodists built their first church at Clay and Jefferson Streets. Congregationalists met in the church, which also served as the county court. In 1887 a larger church was built on

the same site. The present Neo-Gothic-style church, built in 1928-30, was designed by denominational architect, Thoralf M. Sundt of Philadelphia. This Indiana limestone church seats one thousand persons. The tower rises one hundred feet.

This historical marker is located at 1011 Second Street on Webster Avenue by the parking lot in Muskegon

1851

Mouth Cemetery: The earliest identified grave in this cemetery, the oldest burial ground in White River Township, dates from 1851. According to an 1850 deed, however, there were graves here prior to that time. Seventy-six nineteenth-century burials are marked, although remnants of wooden crosses found on the site may have indicated other graves. Many of the area's pioneers are interred here including Captain William Robinson, the first keeper of the White River Light, who died in 1919, and Quismoqua Anderson, an Ottawa woman who died at age 110 years in 1897.

To find this marker, go north on Old Channel on Indian Bay then west on Sunset Lane. The address is 6666 Sunset Lane in Montague.

1862

Hackley-Holt House: In 1850 Joseph Hackley came to Michigan from Wisconsin to serve as superintendent of construction for the Durkee, Truesdell and Company sawmill. In 1860 he purchased this house, built in 1857. Hackley and his first wife,

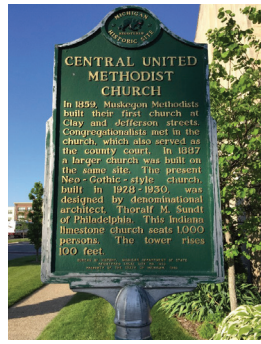
Salina Fuller Hackley, were the parents of Charles Hackley, one of Michigan's most successful lumbermen and a prominent Muskegon philanthropist. Salina Hackley died in 1864 and, in 1867, Joseph married Catherine Palmer. Joseph died on January 8, 1874, while living in this house.

New Yorker Henry Holt came to Michigan in 1852. He soon returned to New York to attend law school, but came back to Michigan to practice law in Grand Rapids. In 1858 Holt moved to Muskegon, was elected prosecuting attorney of Ottawa County and began a long political career, which included serving two terms as lieutenant governor, five terms in the state legislature and two terms as mayor of Muskegon. In 1878 Holt married Catherine Palmer Hackley. Henry and Catherine lived in this house until Henry died here in 1898.

Find this marker at 523 W. Clay Ave., Muskegon

1862

Evergreen Cemetery: In 1862 the village of Muskegon purchased this ten-acre site for a new cemetery. It was formally platted in 1864, and the first burial took place that same year. The Ladies Cemetery Association was organized to beautify and maintain the grounds, which were quite desolate and surrounded by a rough board fence. There was no sexton in the early years, so the association was responsible for all improvements. The cemetery became the final resting place for many prominent Muskegon citizens. There are 3,200 graves, 965 of which date



from the nineteenth century. The gently rolling, landscaped grounds contain family mausoleums, columbaria, eleven above ground crypts and vaults, and several obelisks and marble markers. Many of Muskegon's most prominent civic, commercial and industrial leaders are buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Lumberman and civic benefactor Charles H. Hackley's Vermont granite mausoleum is one of the cemetery's most imposing structures. A "branded hand" marks the resting place of abolitionist Jonathon Walker, sentenced by a federal court to be branded for helping slaves escape. Lumberman Thomas H. Hume; Chauncy Davis, first mayor of Muskegon; educator David McLaughlin, who introduced kindergartens into Michigan public school systems; Adelphia Grace "Mother" Ward, founder of the Maccabees Life Insurance Company; and Winfield Scott Gerrish, designer of Michigan's first steam powered, narrow gauge, logging railroad are also interred here.

The cemetery and its historical marker can be founded in the area bounded by Grand, Wood, Pine, and Irvin Streets in Muskegon.

1864

Muskegon Log Booming Company: Muskegon was the largest center of lumbering on Lower Michigan's west coast. From the 1850s to the

1890s an immense amount of timber was floated to this port down the Muskegon River and its tributaries. In 1864 the Muskegon Booming Company was formed to sort the logs and raft them to the mills. Here at the upper end of Muskegon Lake was the great storage boom where the logs, each identified by its owner's log mark, were sorted into pens as fast as they floated in. They were then chained together into rafts which were towed to the mills by the company's tugboats. In thirty years the company delivered over 10 billion board feet of logs.

This marker can be found in Richards Park on Old US 131 in North Muskegon.

1882

Fruitland District No. 6 School: This clapboard school with its octagonal belfry was erected here in 1883, following the organization of School District No. 6 in 1882. The new school was built by Thomas Keilor on land donated by John McNeil. Students attended classes here from 1883 through May 1948, when Fruitland Township School District consolidated with Whitehall. In 1961 the school was donated to the White Lake Community Club. The club deeded the property to Fruitland Township in 1990.

Find the marker at 6227 S. Shore Dr. at Lamos Road in Whitehall.

1880s

Hackley House: This three-story, wood frame building is one of Michigan's most splendid examples of Queen Anne architecture. With juxtaposition of masses created by roof lines, chimneys, tower, and porte-cochere it has become a symbol of Muskegon. Fifteen stained glass windows add to the elegance of the structure, and the interior decoration includes hand-stenciled walls and ceilings, carved woodwork and seven tiled fireplaces. The house is testimony to Hackley's wealth, and to an era when Muskegon was known as "Lumber Queen of the World." Hackley (1837-1905) came to Muskegon in 1857. Though he had only seven dollars when he arrived, he was worth twelve million dollars at the time of his death. He made his fortune in lumber, and when lumber declined, he administered the Chamber of Commerce program that rebuilt Muskegon into a center of industry. His gifts and endowments to the community totalled over six million dollars and supported parks, statuary, schools, local churches, a hospital, and a public library.

This marker is located at 484 West Webster Ave., in Muskegon.

1889

Hackley Public Library: On May 25, 1888, Muskegon lumber baron Charles H.

Hackley announced that he would donate a library to the city. Hackley stipulated that the facility be "forever maintained as a library." Patton and Fisher of Chicago, one of six firms invited to submit plans for the library, designed the Richardsonian Romanesque-style building. The library was constructed of Maine granite and trimmed with Marquette sandstone. The reading room windows depict Shakespeare, Goethe, Longfellow, and Prescott. Muskegon citizens celebrated the laying of the Hackley Public Library cornerstone on May 25, 1889, the anniversary of Charles Hackley's donation of the library. It was the first annual celebration held in recognition of Hackley. The previous year the board of education had resolved that classes would be suspended annually on May 25 in Hackley's honor. On October 15, 1890, the completed library was dedicated. The lot, building, and furnishings amounted to a \$175,000 gift.

This marker is placed at 316 West Webster in Muskegon.

Hume House: Built in 1887-89, this massive Queen Anne-style house served the Thomas Hume family through four generations. The architect for this, as well as the Hackley House, was David S. Hopkins of Grand Rapids. The structure behind the two buildings was shared

by both families. Known as the City Barn, it reflects the features of each house. Though larger than the Hackley House, the Hume House is less pretentious in detail. One hundred years after completion, the Hackley and Hume Historic Site was administered by the Muskegon County Museum. Hume (1848-1920) was the business partner of Charles H. Hackley from 1881 to 1905. An Irish immigrant, Hume came to Muskegon in 1872 and began working as Hackley's bookkeeper. After Hackley's death, Hume was instrumental in transforming Muskegon from a lumber town to a major manufacturing center. At the time of his death in 1920, he was serving as an officer with the Amazon Knitting Company, Shaw Electric Crane Works, Sargent Manufacturing Company, Chase-Hackley Piano Company, the Stand Malleable Company, and the Hackley National Bank. Find this marker at 472 West Webster Ave., Muskegon.

1916

Marsh Field: Marsh Field began its tenure as the principal home of Muskegon baseball when it was completed in 1916. Charles W. Marsh--a Muskegon civic leader, industrialist, and sports enthusiast--spearheaded construction of the park, which he donated to the city in 1919. The first minor league franchise to play here, the Reds, was a member of the Central League. Muskegon teams were later part of the Michigan State and the Michi-

gan-Ontario Leagues. The Muskegon Lassies of the All-American Girls Professional League played here from 1946 to 1950. The last professional team played here in 1951. The location of the diamond has not changed since the park opened, and it has been the site of high school games and local amateur baseball programs ever since. The original grandstand was razed in 1957.

This historical marker is located on the corner of Peck Street and Laketon Avenue.

1906

White Lake Yacht Club: By 1897 most of White Lake's bustling sawmills had given way to cottages and small hotels. Promoters advertised the area's cool temperatures as relief from the summer heat of cities and drew thousands of people to the area, many from Chicago. During the winter of 1902-3 the White Lake Yacht Club formed. The club hired Chicago architect Robert Rae, Jr. to design the clubhouse, which opened in 1906 with a large ballroom and bays for boats. By 1922 summer tourists were traveling more by car than by boat, and golf surpassed sailing in popularity. The White Lake Yacht Club fell into disrepair. In 1925 Henry Sturtevant saved the building, mostly with his own funds, and Clarence Pitkin brought national power boat races to White Lake. Interest revived and the club reopened, offering a sailing school, boat races, swimming lessons, and so-

cial events to members and their families.

1908

Edith Munger: Growing up in Whitehall in post-Civil War Michigan, conservationist Edith Gotts was "infatuated with all outdoor life, especially birds, wild flowers, and butterflies." She worked as a school teacher before marrying physician-farmer Louis P. Munger in 1895. They moved to Hart, where she was troubled to see boys shooting birds for fun. Munger began to advocate for birds through public lectures. She argued that they ate pests, making them essential for agriculture, and "their beautiful colors, exquisite forms and sweet music" enriched life in Michigan. At the 1908 meeting of the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs she led the charge against wearing hats made with bird plumage. In 1925 she became the first president of the Michigan Conservation Council. Her conservation work also included helping expand Silver Lake State Park near Hart. Bird lover Edith Munger joined the Michigan Audubon Society in 1907. She served as its vice-president before becoming its first female president in 1913. As president, Munger led the society's legislative efforts to prohibit quail hunting and bounties on hawks and owls. She traveled throughout the state, extolling to school children and civic audiences the value of birds. Between 1911 and 1927, she spoke to some 100,000 people. In 1929 she promoted the

society's state bird contest on radio stations throughout Michigan. A total of 177,646 votes were cast. Though Munger favored the chickadee, most voters chose the robin. In 1931 the Michigan legislature made the robin the state bird. In 1934, Munger retired as the society's president. She served as president emeritus until her death in 1945. In 2010 she was elected to the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

1950

Ruth Thompson: Ruth Thompson became Michigan's first woman in Congress when voters elected her to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1950. A Whitehall native, Thompson (1887-1970) spent her entire working life as a public servant. While serving three terms as a Muskegon County probate judge (1925-1937), she gained national recognition as an advocate for children's rights. Thompson was elected the county's first female state representative in 1938. During and after World War II she worked as a civilian employee of the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C., and in Europe. Upon taking Congressional office on January 3, 1951, she received the first House Judiciary Committee appointment granted to a woman. Re-elected for two subsequent terms, Thompson lost her primary bid for a fourth term in 1956 and retired to her home in Whitehall.



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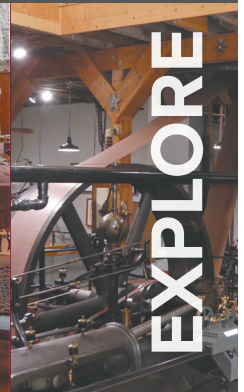
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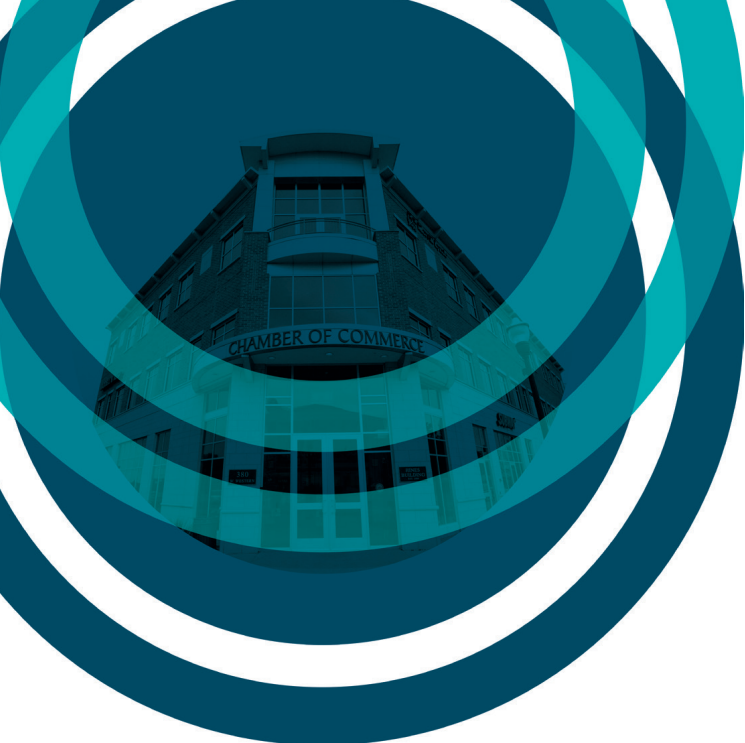
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