

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS

Decoration drive aims to make streets ‘glitter and shine’

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Michelle Tyson remembers the days when downtown Muskegon Heights was a festive place at Christmas.

So does Kellie Kitchen. Unbeknownst to each other, both women were brainstorming ways to return that holiday spirit to the city they love.

Tyson recently brought her idea for a decoration drive to the Muskegon Heights City Council, seeking permission to deck out the city streets. That’s when Mayor Walter Watt suggested she talk to Kitchen a council member.

The women connected and realized their shared enthusiasm could become something real. And so, the “Let’s Glitter and Shine Muskegon Heights” movement began.

Now, they are collecting all that glitters and shines. That means lights, wreaths, ribbons — anything that will help transform the downtown streets to the ones they remember from years ago.

“I remember the lights being on the number of shops that were there,” Kitchen told MLive. “It was just such a festive time when you rolled down those streets. ... What I remember most was how inviting it was.”

“We are trying to bring some of that back.” Part of Tyson’s mission is to bring attention to and harness the volunteer power of her Taking Back Muskegon Inc. nonprofit that provides community youth with mentorship and meaningful activities.

“We’re trying to show our youth this is how you give back to your community because once you’re giving to your community, it will give back to you,” Tyson said.

Those who want to help can drop decorations by Dec. 2 on the porch at 720 Marcoux, and soon at city hall as well.

Donations can be made out to Taking Back Muskegon Inc., or to the organization via PayPal.

Those who want to volunteer or are seeking more information can send an email to takingbackmuskegon@yahoo.com or mtyson1971@yahoo.com.

MUSKEGON

New marijuana shop with ‘local flair’ will support regional growers



The Grassy Knoll in Muskegon, 2125 Lemuel St., opened for medical and recreational marijuana sales on Saturday. The dispensary focuses on supporting local growers. *Rose White, MLive.com*

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A marijuana shop opening in Muskegon plans to use mostly West Michigan growers.

The Grassy Knoll, 2125 Lemuel St., opened for recreational and medical sales Saturday. It is the eighth adult-use marijuana shop in Muskegon.

Co-owner Janet Tombre says supporting local businesses makes The Grassy Knoll unique.

“We’re all local,” she said. “No big investors from out of state. We’re focusing on local growers as well to support the microbusinesses of the cannabis industry.”

Products from growers in Spring Lake, Grand Rapids and Muskegon will be sold at The Grassy Knoll.

“We’re trying to do our part to keep the smaller businesses alive, because we know a lot of them aren’t backed by big cannabis money,” Tombre said.

Tombre, who opened the store with her husband, Fred Cini, said a focus on CBD products for pets also sets their business apart. A Saturday grand opening included pet adoptions hosted by the Noah Project, a no-kill animal rescue shelter in Muskegon.

“Next to cannabis and CBD (cannabidiol), we’re all about animals,” Cini said in a statement. “Our rescued

dogs are like family, and we wanted to have our grand opening reflect that passion.”

The Grassy Knoll paid half of the neutering or spaying fees for pets adopted during the event and a portion of pet CBD sales are being donated to the Noah Project.

Tombre and Cini also own a Grassy Knoll store dedicated to CBD products in Grand Rapids. The Muskegon location, located off Seaway Drive, is the first provisional in Michigan to be built out of repurposed shipping containers, the owners said.

The Grassy Knoll joins a growing marijuana landscape in Muskegon. As the eighth store to open since last year with a ninth planned, some city commissioners recently expressed concern the city is saturated with marijuana businesses.

Tombre says she isn’t worried about the market because of The Grassy Knoll’s “local flair.”

“It’s like Beer City USA. Look at all the microbreweries,” she said. “I think it’s the same with dispensaries. You’ve got to find one you like and make sure it can help you out.”

Tombre also said the store recently rejected any products associated with a large marijuana recall in Michigan.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
NOTICE OF HEARING
FOR THE ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS OF
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
CASE NO. U-21048**

- Consumers Energy Company requests Michigan Public Service Commission’s approval to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the twelve months ending December 31, 2022.
- The information below describes how a person may participate in this case.
- You may call or write Consumers Energy Company, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201, 517-788-0550 for a free copy of its application. Any person may review the documents at the offices of Consumers Energy Company or on the Commission’s website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets.
- A pre-hearing will be held:

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM
BEFORE: Administrative Law Judge Dennis Mack
LOCATION: Video/Teleconferencing

PARTICIPATION: Any interested person may participate. Persons needing any assistance to participate should contact the Commission’s Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090, or by email at mpscedockets@michigan.gov in advance of the hearing.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) will hold a pre-hearing to consider Consumers Energy Company’s (Consumers Energy) September 30, 2021 application requesting to the Commission to approve: 1) Consumers Energy’s Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) Plan for the 12-month period January through December 2022; 2) for 2022 a maximum monthly PSCR Factor of not less than \$0.00177 per kWh for all classes of customers as proposed for the 12-month period January through December 2022; and 3) Consumers Energy further and additional relief.

All documents filed in this case shall be submitted electronically through the Commission’s E-Dockets website at: michigan.gov/mpscedockets. Requirements and instructions for filing can be found in the User Manual on the E-Dockets help page. Documents may also be submitted, in Word or PDF format, as an attachment to an email sent to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance prior to e-filing, contact Commission staff at (517) 284-8090 or by email at: mpscedockets@michigan.gov.

Any person wishing to intervene and become a party to the case shall electronically file a petition to intervene with this Commission by December 7, 2021. (Interested persons may elect to file using the traditional paper format.) The proof of service shall indicate service upon Consumers Energy Company’s Legal Department – Regulatory Group, One Energy Plaza, Jackson, MI 49201.

The prehearing is scheduled to be held remotely by video conference or teleconference. Persons filing a petition to intervene will be advised of the process to participate in the hearing.

Any person wishing to participate without intervention under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10413 (Rule 413), or file a public comment, may do so by filing a written statement in this docket. The written statement may be mailed or emailed and should reference Case No. U-21048. Statements may be emailed to: mpscedockets@michigan.gov. Statements may be mailed to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 West Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter becomes public information, thus available on the Michigan Public Service Commission’s website, and subject to disclosure. Please do not include information you wish to remain private. For more information on how to participate in a case, you may contact the Commission at the above address or by telephone at (517) 284-8090.

Requests for adjournment must be made pursuant to Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules R 792.10422 and R 792.10432. Requests for further information on adjournment should be directed to (517) 284-8130.

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The Utility Consumer Representation Fund has been created for the purpose of aiding in the representation of residential utility customers in various Commission proceedings. Contact the Chairperson, Utility Consumer Participation Board, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30004, Lansing, Michigan 48909, for more information.

Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 106, as amended, MCL 460.551 et seq.; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCL 460.54 et seq.; 1939 PA 3, as amended, MCL 460.1 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; 1982 PA 304, as amended, MCL 460.6j et seq.; and Parts 1 & 4 of the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, Mich. Admin Code, and R 792.10401 through R 792.10448.

[THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY APPROVE, REJECT, OR AMEND PROPOSALS MADE BY CONSUMERS ENERGY.]

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Have your say on which city parks should be improved, and how

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A lot has been said by city officials about prioritizing park improvements in the city of Muskegon, and now it’s residents’ turn to have their say on how they do that.

The city of Muskegon has released a public, online survey, responses to which will be used to update the city’s parks and recreation plan.

Respondents don’t have to live in the city to participate in the survey, which is available by visiting bit.ly/muparks21.

The implementation of paid parking at the city’s Pere Marquette beach has created a cash flow that the city commission has endorsed spending at other parks throughout the city.

The city has 30 parks, playfields and recreation spaces.

It already has done some upgrades at Campbell Field, Aamodt Park in the Jackson Hill Neighborhood and Pere Marquette on Lake Michigan.

Next to receive an estimated \$700,000 infusion are the 13-acre Reese Playfield in the East Muskegon Neighborhood and the 10-acre Beukema Playfield in the Marquette Neighborhood.

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Groups offer free Thanksgiving meals

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With Thanksgiving on Thursday, events are being held in Muskegon this week to give away meals and food to the community.

For any families or individuals in need, here are some places to pick up a Thanksgiving basket:

MUSKEGON RESCUE MISSION

The Muskegon Rescue Mission is handing out Thanksgiving baskets from 7:30-10:30 a.m. today at the Men’s Shelter, 400 W. Laketon Ave.

Baskets include all the ingredients to prepare a meal at home with a frozen turkey, potatoes, stuffing, vegetables and a dessert.

The rescue mission prepared 1,000 baskets last year. Dan Skoglund, executive director of Muskegon Rescue Mission, said in a statement he expects the need to be

greater this year due to a “dramatic increase” in the cost of groceries.

Mittens, gloves, hats, socks and blankets will also be distributed.

1M PROJECT THANKSGIVING MEAL GIVEAWAY

The 1M Project, a Muskegon nonprofit organization, is hosting a community meal giveaway 1-4 p.m. today.

Meals, including a turkey, will be handed out at the Corner Building parking lot, 280 W. Muskegon Ave.

MISSION FOR AREA PEOPLE BASKETS

Mission for Area People will be giving away Thanksgiving baskets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

Families of three or more are eligible for the giveaway.