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Egelston Township

Egelston Township (Muskegon Co.), which now boasts a population of more than 11,200 residents, began as a great lumbering region in the mid-1800s, thanks to the township's proximity to the Muskegon River and Black Creek, which offered a power source for sawmills and lumber businesses. Nearing the turn of the century, agriculture and industry played a role in the growth of the township's economy. More recent industrial expansion has provided area jobs.



The township is very proud of natural attractions within its boundaries, including Wolf Lake, an aesthetic jewel located in the center of the township. The lake helped in the growth of the township. In the early 1900s, Wolf Lake became a summer resort to vaudeville performers from Chicago who stayed in lakefront cottages, according to "East of Muskegon," a township history authored by Ted Rozeboom. Today, jet skiers, boaters, anglers and beachgoers alike gravitate to the beautiful lake. In addition, the 4th of July fireworks, boat parade and veterans/kids fishing tournament are popular community events held on the lake. Additional events throughout the year bring the community together, including an Easter egg hunt, ice cream social, winter cardboard sledding competition, Halloween Trunk

or Treat, a free Thanksgiving dinner for residents, Christmas caroling, and the annual tree lighting ceremony.

Egelston Township's Department of Public Works and Fire Department have full-time, well-trained staffs, and the fire department also has an abundance of volunteer firefighters. The township's many parks, along with a fine education system, attract young families to the area.

In a cooperative agreement with the Muskegon County District Library (MADL), the township boasts a stunning, newly renovated township branch library. The library's circulation ranks among the highest in the county. MADL also hosts a tremendous number of children's early literacy programs at the Egelston branch, as well as monthly adult activities. The branch also has a collection of books by local authors.

Located within the township are the popular Mosquito Creek Trails, highlighted by the forested valley of the creek. Visitors can experience a serene walk, snowshoe through the woods, or take a heart-pounding, two-hour mountain bike adventure. The trails were designed for all ages, interests and skill levels, and include a 10k trail run and pristinely groomed fatbike trail.

Egelston Township has been a close-knit community for more than 150 years, and officials and community members hope it will continue to thrive for many more years to come.



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