

Lower West Western Timeline

September 1894 – Stewart Hartshorn factory relocates to from a nearby site to Muskegon Lake waterfront at the foot of Franklin Street after being destroyed by fire

July 1903 – Groundbreaking for an expansion to the Stewart Hartshorn factory

October 1912 – West Michigan Steel Foundry Co. organized in Muskegon

August 1949 – City purchases ½-mile of Muskegon Lake frontage from Stewart Hartshorn Co. for a park

July 1950 – City purchases additional 4 acres of land to expand park planned to contain a boat launch

October 1951 – City of Muskegon and Shaw Walker Co. split 4-acre parcel after legal proceedings following sale

1952 – Stewart Hartshorn Co. acquired and renamed to Breneman-Hartshorn Co.

July 1956 – Hartshorn Marina small boat basin opens

April 1958 – Construction of large boat basin begins with the State Waterways Commission covering half \$300,000 cost

June 1960 – Hartshorn Marina large boat basin opens

January 1967 - \$2-million Westran facility expansion

April 1981 – Breneman-Hartshorn relocates operations to Middlebury, IN

October 1982 – Breneman-Hartshorn building purchased by Whittaker Enterprises; redevelopment plans announced

May 1984 – Lumbertown shops open in former Breneman-Hartshorn building

April-May 1985 – Lumbertown and City agree on public-private lakefront development project

June 1985 – Westran foundry sold for \$3-million to local managers; renamed West Michigan Steel Foundry Inc.

September 1985 – *Stewart Boatworks* announced to bring boat sales and service to Lumbertown

October 1985 – City grants Lumbertown easement rights to Hartshorn Marina and Muskegon Lake in return for Lumbertown's operation of day-slip concessions, \$5000 per year for a decade, and a percentage of boat slip fees

August 1986 – Westran closes Muskegon plant

March 1987 - \$306,000 DNR grant awarded for Hartshorn Marina improvements and expansion totaling \$600,000+

November 1987 – Lumbertown renamed Waterfront Centre

November 1999 – City of Muskegon acquires former Shaw Walker parking lot at 1000 W. Western

November 2001 –Waterfront Centre under new ownership; renamed Hartshorn Centre and renovated

July 2002 – West Michigan Steel sold and becomes Michigan Steel, Inc.

September 2005 – Westran Corp. sells 1204 W. Western, current Adelaide Pointe site, to Kirksey Investment Corp.

February 2009 – Hartshorne Centre sold and ultimately renamed Fricano Place

2014-2016 – Michigan Steel, Inc. foundry buildings demolished

October 2018 – City sells 1000 W. Western to Harbor West, LLC for redevelopment into housing

February 2019 – Hartshorn Village Planned Unit Development (PUD) for 55 detached houses approved

March 2021 – Property at 1204 W. Western is sold for development of Adelaide Pointe

September 2021 – Adelaide Pointe PUD amendment

March 2022 – Hartshorn Village PUD amended to reduce the total number of houses by 17 to preserve a wetland

June 2022 – Adelaide Pointe PUD amendment

August 2022 – Adelaide Pointe developer, Ryan Leestma, purchases Hartshorn Village development

January 2023 – Most recent PUD amendment requests for Adelaide Pointe and Hartshorn Village