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While there, you can also join the digital
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Commission Meeting Time Changed for 2017

Regular City Commission meetings have been changed from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. At their Nov. 28 meeting, the Marquette City Commission voted to adopt the new Rules of Procedure that changed the regular meeting time to 6 p.m. for 2017. A copy of the Rules of Procedure can be found at: <http://mqtcity.org/commission-city-policies.php>

Message from Mike

In each issue, the Marquette City Manager shares his comments in the form of a column. This issue, City Manager Mike Angeli (pictured right) shares comments on the current state of affairs in the City. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



Hello again. Although not official at the time of this writing, winter is here and the City continues to hum along in spite of the weather. All of our road projects are completed for this year with most of the building construction projects closed in and ready for inside work. The only exception that I can think of is the hospital project that still has a lot of steel to go up, but that work will also continue through the winter.

Speaking of buildings, the City Commission recently conducted a tour of the new Public Works facility on Wright street and I have to tell you that it is very impressive. Our contractor, along with City staff, has done a very good job designing a building that will serve the public very well long into the future.

Public Works crews have rotated into their winter operations which primarily deal with snow removal and, especially, keeping our streets clear and safe. I don't want to miss this opportunity to remind drivers (especially those of you that

are not familiar with winter driving) to adjust your driving to the weather conditions. As a retired Police Officer, I can tell you with some authority that there is a "learning curve" when transitioning from dry pavement driving to driving on the snow. We always commented on the need for drivers (even locals) to "retrain" themselves after the first snow of the year as there is a big increase in traffic crashes during the first few days of snowy conditions. It usually results in unhappy drivers but happy vehicle repair shops. Also, don't forget the City-wide winter parking ban. Vehicles are not allowed to be parked on any City streets from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. from Nov. 1, 2016 until April 1, 2017.

Well, that's it for now. We can look forward to another busy summer in 2017 as we have several high impact road construction plans on the table and new building projects in addition to those already in progress. Stay warm for now.

2016-17 Marquette City Commission



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Back: Sarah Reynolds, Mike Plourde, Sara Cambensy, Mike Conley
Front: Peter Frazier, Mayor Dave Campana, Mayor Pro Tempore Tom Baldini



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City Commission Meetings

The Commission usually meets the second and last Monday of each month at 6 pm in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 300 W. Baraga Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Citizens are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings:

Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 27, 2017, 6 p.m.

Meetings are televised on local (Charter Cable) Channel 191. Additional meetings may be called, and changes may be made in accordance with the City Charter. Notices will be posted for such changes in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976.

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Interested in serving your community?

The City of Marquette has several openings for various volunteer advisory boards and committees.

Check out the City's website for an application and the most up-to-date vacancy information: www.mqctcty.org/government.php

• Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Board of Zoning Appeals	Four Openings
• Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	Three Openings
• Harbor Advisory Committee	Four Openings
• Investment Advisory Board	One Opening
• Local Development Finance Authority	Two Openings
• Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board	One Alternate Opening
• Planning Commission	Two Openings
• Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee	One Opening

Holiday Closures

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; and the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library) will be closed on Jan. 2 for New Year's Day and Feb. 20 for President's Day. The Fire, Police and Public Works and Utilities Departments will remain open and staffed during this time.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Mike Angeli holds community office hours on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10 am until noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The next community office hours sessions are scheduled for Jan. 11 and Feb. 8.

The meetings are intended to provide informal opportunities to discuss issues within the community, and to give citizens a chance for direct dialogue with City staff about interests and concerns.

Live Streaming Available

Live streaming of all regular City Commission meetings is available! Go to mqctcty.org and click on the Live Stream button on the top of the page to watch the meetings on YouTube.

2016 Presidential Election Review

The 2016 Presidential Election was conducted on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Voter turnout in the City was over 68 percent, which exceeds the local turnout for each of the last two Presidential Elections (2012: 67 percent; 2008: 64 percent). In total, nearly 9,600 votes were cast in the City of Marquette, which is just a handful fewer than the number cast in 2008, and well in excess of those cast in 2012. Below is a summary of local votes cast in contested races in the 2016 Presidential Election.

	PCT 1	PCT 2	PCT 3	PCT 4	PCT 5	PCT 6	PCT 7	TOTAL
President/VP								
Trump/Pence	587	602	448	400	324	465	409	3235
Clinton/Kaine	667	779	651	703	792	831	1032	5455
Johnson/Weld	55	51	54	67	65	104	64	460
Castle/Bradley	2	3	3	8	5	3	2	26
Stein/Baraka	20	19	19	22	56	47	36	219
Soltysik/Walker	0	0	0	2	0	3	2	7
Write-in	16	11	7	12	25	17	18	106
D1 - U.S. Congress								
Jack Bergman	588	584	455	424	338	461	445	3295
Lon Johnson	661	786	648	706	805	846	1012	5464
Diane Bostow	55	60	31	53	61	72	52	384
Ellis Boal	15	26	28	17	36	44	33	199
D109 - State Rep								
Kevin Pfister	401	373	284	296	229	366	287	2236
John Kivela	860	1018	818	833	902	903	1141	6475
Wade Roberts	41	42	47	44	90	97	86	447
County Sheriff								
Greg Zyburnt	961	1150	903	894	978	1082	1235	7203
Write-in	83	62	62	51	49	71	43	421
Marquette BLP								
Edward Angeli	586	564	491	408	408	386	562	3405
Robert J. Niemi	456	597	450	468	461	589	576	3597
MQT City Comm.								
David Campana	768	789	655	579	545	558	825	4719
Matthew Luttenberger	240	301	211	240	253	285	293	1823
Sarah K. Reynolds	630	715	623	586	597	682	732	4565
D3 County Comm.								
Stephen Adamini	712		654	652	717			2735
Bill Vajda	436		371	366	357			1530
96th District Court								
Derek G. Swajanen	472	505	431	412	422	373	435	3050
Karl A. Weber	668	760	566	549	557	692	841	4633
Election Totals								
Registered Voters	2030	2105	1589	1759	1854	2467	2224	14028
Total Ballots Cast	1354	1480	1195	1225	1280	1477	1573	9584
Voter Turnout	66.7%	70.3%	75.2%	69.6%	69.0%	59.9%	70.7%	68.3%

As was heavily reported, Green Party candidate Jill Stein has filed for a recount of the Presidential Election vote in Michigan. In this state, recounts are orchestrated on a County level and municipal officials throughout the state spent much time and effort preparing for the recount.

Though the decision didn't come until many downstate counties had already completed their recount efforts, a federal judge ultimately ruled that the statewide recount should be halted. While local officials spent the days prior to the decision planning for the logistics of a recount, the actual process had not yet started in Marquette County.

In his decision, the judge said that it was reasonable to expect that the legislature that adopted Michigan's recount rules "intended to confine costly and disruptive recounts to cases where a losing candidate stood a reasonable chance of changing the outcome of the election." Stein received 1.1 percent of the statewide vote in November's Presidential Election.

Downtown Showdown Rail Jam

North Front Street in Downtown Marquette will be buried in snow on Saturday, Feb. 4 for the fifth annual Downtown Showdown Rail Jam. The 100 and 200 blocks of North Front Street will serve as the location for the event and will bring the excitement of the ski hill to the historic streets of Downtown Marquette. Athletes will be able to participate in an Open Jam from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Those wishing to compete for up to \$1,500 in cash prizes have the option to be part of the Ski Rail Jam at 6 p.m. or the Snowboard Rail Jam at 7 p.m., with Ski and Snowboard Finals held under the lights at 8 p.m. Spectators are welcome to line the streets and cheer the competitors on and then take a break from the elements in our warm up tent. Witness exciting skills, flips and moves as competitors of all ages whip down the street in Marquette's Downtown District.



27th Annual UP200 and Midnight Run

The dog sled races begin on Friday, Feb. 17 with the opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Fourth Street and West Washington Street in beautiful Downtown Marquette. The first UP200 team leaves the chute at 7 p.m. amid the excited cheers of spectators lining the streets. The excitement continues as the Midnight Run takes off with their eight dog teams starting at approximately 8:30 p.m. The Marquette Downtown Development Authority will host a Warm-Up Party during the races from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Marquette Commons. Be sure to follow the mushers' progress on the UP200 website (www.up200.org) and then return to cheer your favorites across the finish line. Both races finish in the City of Marquette's Mattson Lower Harbor Park. The first Midnight

Run racer is expected to finish in the morning on Saturday, Feb. 18. The UP200 mushers are expected to begin crossing the finish line mid-afternoon on Sunday, Feb. 19.

The UP200 is an Iditarod qualifier and one of the top 12-dog mid-distance races in the Midwest. The trail covers nearly 240 miles of challenging terrain through forested land, hills, creek crossings and deep snow as the mushers face isolated trails on their trek from Marquette to Grand Marais and back again.

The Holiday Inn of Marquette will serve as Race Headquarters this year and will be hosting the pre-race banquet and the silent auction and will have merchandise for sale. Merchandise is also available for sale at www.up200.org.



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2017 Planning Projects

We expect to see the breakneck pace of planning and development in the City of Marquette continue in 2017. The planning that is done ahead of time prepares the community and ensures we have a map forward despite what often appears to be a chaotic path.

The following is a synopsis of the current and upcoming projects led by the Planning Division of the Community Development Department this coming year:

Economic Development Plan

The City Economic Development Plan is in final draft form. Please stay tuned for notice of the public meeting where the community will have an opportunity to hear a presentation on the plan and Marquette's strategy for Economic Development.

Master Plan Annual Review

The City Planning Commission will be conducting an annual review (required by law) of the Community Master Plan.

There are no major changes anticipated other than a few minor edits based upon identified land use/zoning issues, and alignment with the soon to be completed Economic Development and Transportation Plans.

Short Term Rental Ordinance

The Planning Commission worked with the City Fire Department and the spent the better part of a year working on zoning and other code amendments to address the issue of short term rental properties.

This work was in response to a complaint that led to the discovery of over 60 active short term rental properties that were operating without Fire Department inspection, leaving open-ended life and safety challenges, as well as impacts on the neighborhoods where they are located.

The City Commission will be considering the recommendations of the Planning Commission in early 2017.



2017 Reconstruction Projects

Various Capital Improvement projects which have been planned and designed by Community Development's Engineering Division and approved by the City Commission, will be constructed in 2017. From the new roundabouts on US-41 to some gravel street work, it is going to be a very busy year!

The following is a synopsis of the projects that will be led by the Engineering Division of Community Development this coming year:

New Hospital Transportation Project

The City will begin their obligation of constructing an access point from US-41/M-28 to the new hospital, as well as local street and infrastructure improvements.

As a result of a community-driven planning process, a multiple roundabout option was selected as the preferred alternative, and construction is anticipated to being in April/May 2017.

Wright Street Reconstruction

Wright Street, from Sugarloaf Avenue to Industrial Parkway, will be completely re-built, to include water/sewer utilities. Roundabouts are planned for the intersections of Wright Street with Sugarloaf Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, provided the City can obtain the necessary property.

Fair Avenue Reconstruction

Fair Avenue, from McClellan Avenue to the western City limit, will be completely re-built to include water/sewer utilities.

Presque Isle Avenue Reconstruction

Presque Isle Avenue, from College Avenue to Fair Avenue, will be completely re-built to include water/sewer utilities. A roundabout is planned for the intersection of Presque Isle and Fair Avenues.

Wilson Street Upgrade

This project that was originally programmed for 2013, will see 2300 feet of street, from Ward Street to McClellan Avenue, get an upgraded road surface, as well as an Orangeburg lateral replacement and curb replacement (as needed).

Intersection Signal Upgrade

The traffic signal at the Front and Spring Street intersection will be upgraded to include a dedicated left turning movement.

Gravel Streets

The 1100 blocks of Jefferson, Hancock, and Sherman Streets will see a paved road surface and water/sewer utility replacement.

2017 Reconstruction Projects (continued)

Pavement Markings

This project is the annual painting of various pavement markings and road striping.

Dead River Bridge – Mutli-use Pathway Repairs

Preventative maintenance, originally programmed in 2014, is necessary to extend the useful life of the structure.

Altamont Street Sidewalk Extension

This project will complete the extension of sidewalk along Altamont Street from Blemhuber Avenue to the U.S. 41/M-28 overpass.

Sidewalk Repair and Replacement

This project is ongoing and serves as the annual repair/replacement of portions of sidewalk that are dangerous to the public.

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising

This project is a continuation from last year and will clean and televise those sewers that are older than 1995. This is being paid for by the Stormwater Asset Management grant.

Avoid Pipes Freezing!

Water Utility customers are advised to make an annual check of their water piping before the onset of winter weather. To protect the lines from freezing the following steps should be taken.

1. Plan the plowing, shoveling and storing of snow to maintain maximum cover over shallow underground lines.
2. Maintain temperatures of a least 40° F in all basement, crawl space, garage and closet spaces where there are water pipes. If this is impractical, wrap the pipes with heat tape.
3. Check all heat tape to make certain that they are plugged in and working properly.
4. Insulate all water piping that runs along exterior walls.
5. Run the water for two to three minutes each day to draw a change of water into the service line and house piping.

If it becomes necessary to waste water to prevent service pipes from freezing, customers should follow these guidelines.

1. Continuously run the cold water at a rate of ¼ to ½ gallon per minute. The tap used for this purpose should be in a

location where the noise of running water will have minimal impact on sleeping, etc. and where damage will be minimal should the drain become plugged. The room can also be expected to experience an increase in humidity and a slight drop in temperature.

2. Open a tap completely for two to three minutes at least twice each day. Before retiring and first thing in the morning usually are the most beneficial times.
3. Check the continuously running tap several times each day to make certain it is not closed accidentally or by vibration. Placing a sign near the tap as a reminder for guests and children is a good idea.
4. DO NOT use a hose or piping to connect a tap directly into a drain. This creates a cross connection, a potentially serious health hazard.
5. If your home will be unattended for more than 24 hours, have a friend or neighbor check it daily and fully open the tap for several minutes.

Remember the best way to prevent pipes from freezing is with proper installation and insulation. Wasting water is at best a bothersome and expensive temporary solution.



The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front St. in Marquette. For more information or questions on any of the articles on this page or the following, please call 906-228-0472 or email

arts-culture@mqctcy.org.



Upcoming Gallery Exhibits: January

LSAA	Marvin Zehnder
SmallWorks	NMU Emeriti and Emerita

February

LSAA	VIP's
SmallWorks	James Keast

January SmallWorks Exhibits: Emeriti and Emerita of NMU School of Art and Design

The January SmallWorks exhibit will feature work by John Hubbard, Michael Cinelli, Thomas Cappuccio, Diane Kordich and William Leete.

Hubbard taught printing, painting, drawing and papermaking at NMU's School of Art & Design for 45 years. He has had over 25 individual shows in the U.S. and Canada, has been included in over

150 juried shows and has work in 23 permanent collections. Hubbard currently works in oil painting with images of the Upper Peninsula's landscape and Intaglio printmaking to create abstract images that evoke the landscape.

Cinelli is a graduate of the School of Art and Architecture at the University of Illinois-Chicago and received his master's degree from the Institute of Design-Illinois Institute of Technology. He has recently retired from the School of Art and Design at NMU as an Emeritus Professor of Digital Cinema. During his tenure he served as the Associate Dean and Director of the school. His work has been exhibited

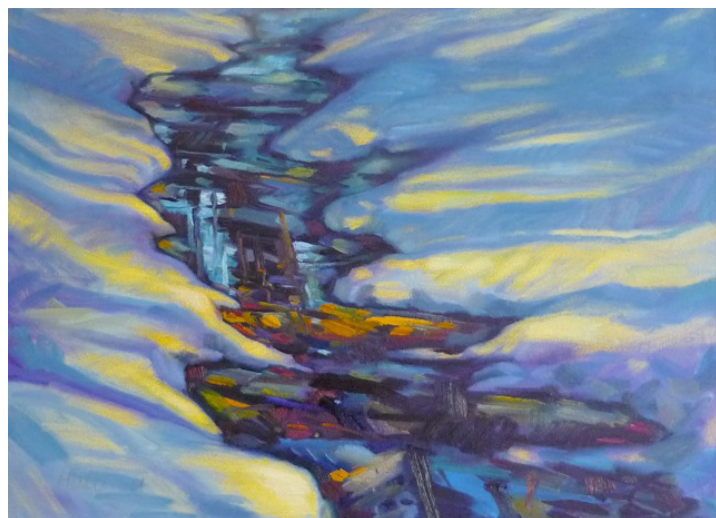
nationally and internationally and has two permanent collections at the California Institute of Art and Museum of Art in Higashiomi, Japan.

Cappuccio was born in Italy and came to the United States at the age of 12. He has received degrees from Pratt Institute (B.F.A.) and Brooklyn College of CUNY (M.A.). Cappuccio has exhibited at the national and international level in over 200 juried and invitational exhibitions in painting and drawing, illustration and mural painting. He served as Head of the Department of Art and Design from 1975 to 1978 at NMU and helped develop the Illustration program which he directed from 1979 until his retirement in 2007.

Dr. Kordich attended Highland Park Junior College, Wayne State University (Bachelors and Masters) and Indiana University (Specialist and Doctorate). Over a career that spanned more than 40 years, she taught art at Warren Woods Public Schools, Indiana Vocational Technical College and Northern Michigan University. Throughout the state, Dr. Kordich is recognized as a dedicated professional in the field of art education. She volunteers where she is needed on arts boards, raising money for scholarships, endowments and art education activities for the DeVos Art Museum at NMU archiving artwork.

Leete attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.S., M.F.A.) and joined NMU as a professor of Art & Design in 1974. He has received the NMU Excellence in Teaching Award.

This exhibit will run from Jan. 5-27, with an opening artist reception on Thursday, January 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



Untitled, oil on canvas, 24" x 30"
John Hubbard

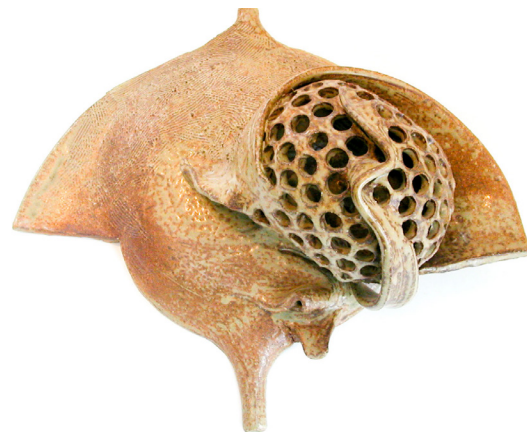


Parallel Worlds I, 1999
Thomas Cappuccio

January LSAA Exhibit: Marvin Zehnder

January's LSAA exhibit will feature 'Zehn' by Marvin Zehnder. Zehnder has received degrees from Michigan State University (B.A., M.A.) and Alfred University (M.F.A.). While on a scholarship as a designer for Haeger Potteries in Illinois, Zehnder joined their faculty in January of 1967 where he remained until his retirement in 1998. Since retiring, he has spent time gardening and, as a result, his most recent ceramic work is influenced by the structure of plant growth.

This exhibit will run from Jan. 5-27, with an opening artist reception on Thursday, Jan. 5 from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



Senior Arts Series – Performing Arts

Classes are open to individuals ages 60+ and cater to a wide variety of skill levels. Participation is FREE to City of Marquette residents, but non-residents are welcome to attend for a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the cost of supplies and instruction.

Classes are typically offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1-3 p.m. and take place at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center. All supplies are included, but interested parties must pre-register by contacting the

Senior Center at 228-0456.

Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Produce Printing - Aprons with artist Diane Kribs-Mays

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Produce Printing - Canvas Bags with artist Diane Kribs-Mays

Tuesday, Feb. 7 - TBA

Tuesday, Feb. 21 - TBA

Playing with Alcohol Ink Instructed by JoAnn Shelby



Saturday, Jan. 7, 12-4 p.m.

\$40 Registration Fee (materials included)

Register by calling 906-228-6027 or emailing joann_shelby@hotmail.com.

Participants will learn basic techniques of alcohol-based inks. They will receive a kit with samples of three suitable ink surfaces, information sheet, bookmark blanks and clear bookmark sleeve. All additional materials are provided. No experience required.

Little Art Lab

Every Thursday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Jan. 12 -March 2

Ages 4-8

Cost - Pay what you are able, donations for supplies welcome.

Pre-registration appreciated. Contact Beth at 906-250-1996 for more information.

Where kids can enjoy the process of making awesome art!

Just Looking - Portraiture: Six-Week Workshop with Mehreen (Lali) Khalid

Every Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Jan. 18- Feb. 22

\$65 Registration Fee

Call MACC at 228-0472 to Register

This six-week workshop is a combination of presentations, shooting assignments and critiques. The class will focus on basic principles of portraiture in contemporary photography. Work will be displayed at MACC after the completion of the workshop.



Standing tall, tall as I can remember!
Image credit: artist's paper
10" x 24"
2016

AARP E – Filing Tax Assistance at the Senior Center

The Marquette Senior Center is partnering with AARP to assist area senior citizens with State and Federal Income Taxes, as well as the Homestead Property Tax Credit and/or the Home Heating Credit. AARP volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Marquette Senior Center beginning in February. March appointments will open up mid-February. Please call the Center for details.

Please call AFTER Monday, Jan. 16 to make your appointment.

Friday	Feb. 3	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 7	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 10	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 14	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 17	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 21	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	Feb. 24	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	Feb. 28	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please bring the following items with you to your appointment:

1. If filing a joint return BOTH PARTIES MUST BE PRESENT with photo identification.
2. If the taxpayer is homebound, a power of attorney should be presented for the individual. Contact the Marquette Senior Center for assistance.
3. A copy of your completed 2015 tax return.
4. Social Security CARDS for all persons on the return.
5. W-2 for all jobs worked.
6. 1099 INT. This shows interest earned (this may also be shown on a 1099R).
7. 1099 DIV. This shows any dividends earned and may also be shown on a 1099R.
8. Written documentation of any self-employed business expenses and income including cash income.
9. 1099B – Capital gains or losses. You must have the cost basis of any stocks or mutual funds that were sold.
10. 1099R – showing any IRA distributions pensions or

annuities.

11. 1099G – Unemployment compensation.
12. SSA 1099 – Social Security and railroad benefits.
13. 1099 MISC – any miscellaneous income.
14. W-2 G – Gambling winnings.
15. If you itemize deductions, you must have written proof of all deductions.
16. 1095A – this form will arrive if you purchased your healthcare insurance through the marketplace.
17. If you have an exemption from the Affordable Care Act, you will need to provide the exemption certificate.
18. You must provide a blank or canceled check in the name of the taxpayer for us to obtain the correct routing and account information. An alternative would be a letter signed by a bank employee on bank stationary listing the routing and account numbers.
19. To do the property tax credit we need copies of the amount of property tax assessed for 2016 and the taxable value of the home. If you rent, we need to know the name and address to whom you pay the rent and how much.
20. For the home heating credit, we need the amount you paid for heating during the year from your provider. If you heat with wood, we need to know the amount you paid for the wood.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the Senior Center at 228-0456.



Stay alert, slow down and stay in control

Drive according to road and weather conditions.



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