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While there, you can also join the digital mailing list for *Marquette Matters*.

September City Commission Work Sessions

Walking Tour and Lighthouse Land Use Plan
4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20
Lighthouse - Parking lot at 702 East Arch Street

NFPA Fire Codes
5:15 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27
City Hall, Room 103

Agendas available online at:
marquette.novusagenda.com/Agendapublic/

Cover Photo

Artists: Taimur Cleary and Christine Lenzen

On display at the LSAA Gallery at the Peter White Public Library in October.

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 current goings of the City. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



Welcome back NMU students, faculty and staff. It's hard to believe that it's already time to go back to school, but we all enjoy having you around and contributing to the great community that we live in. However, I do have to apologize for the state of some of our streets especially those around campus. We made every effort to be further along in the construction process but, typical of many construction projects, things happen to change the best laid plans. In this case, the culprit has been mostly the weather as it has been wetter than expected which slows much of the work. The good news is that it all should be done before the snow flies (which roughly translates to the end of October).

You will also likely notice a lot more construction taking place than is the norm for this time of year. Supported by the progressive view of the City Commission, we are taking advantage of the many new opportunities that are being presented to us to encourage new development. I can

honestly say that much of this is being driven by the construction of the new Duke LifePoint hospital in the more centralized location near downtown.

The City Commission's approach has been to be "partners" in as much of the development as we possibly can. This makes it much more advantageous for everyone to contribute to the success of everything that we do here in the City. As a partner, I feel strongly that a development's success is our success and, in the case of NMU, what is good for the University is good for Marquette.

One last word to those coming to Marquette for the first time, either as a student, visitor or even those of you returning to the City, please respect Lake Superior. The lake is beautiful and sometimes wondrous to look at but it is also much like a sea and can be very unpredictable, especially in the fall and winter months. Please enjoy the view, but stay safe.

November General Election



The City Clerk's Office is busy preparing for the November General Election, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

November's ballot will include contests for the Marquette City Commission and Marquette Board of Light and Power, as well as for Michigan's 109th State House seat.

In order to vote in November, citizens must be registered by Tuesday, Oct. 10. You can check your registration status online at www.michigan.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available through the City Clerk's Office, and will begin going out by Oct. 1. Questions can be directed to the Clerk at 906-228-0430.

Tourist Park Off Leash Area Reopening

The City's off-leash area, located at Tourist Park, is open to the public from Nov. 1 through April 30 each year. Anyone interested in obtaining an OLA permit can pick one up at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall. You must bring your current dog license. If you don't have a current dog license, the Clerk's Office can issue you one upon presentation of an up-to-date rabies vaccination certificate. Dog licenses cost \$8 for one year and \$20 for three years (if the animal is not spayed or neutered, the cost is \$16 and \$40). All licenses expire with the rabies expiration and must be renewed each year unless a three-year license was purchased. Licenses are required by law for all dogs and cats whether or not they leave the house.

Annual fees for the OLA permits remain unchanged from the previous season, City residents will pay \$15 per dog and nonresident fees are set at \$20 per dog.





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City Commission Meetings

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

Regular Meetings:

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 30, 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: marquettetemi.gov/commission/boards-and-committees/vacancies/

• Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Board of Zoning Appeals	Four Openings
• Harbor Advisory Committee	Four Openings
• Local Development Finance Authority	Three Openings
• Local Officers Compensation Commission	One Opening
• Marquette Housing Commission	One Opening
• 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.; the Municipal Service Center, 1100 Wright St.; and the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library) will be close at 12 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 1 and Monday, Sept. 4 for Labor 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 a.m. until noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The next community office hours sessions are scheduled for Sept. 13 and Oct. 11.

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 marquettetemi.gov and click on the Live Stream button under "Important Links" to watch the meetings on YouTube.

New City Website

The City of Marquette is proud to announce the release of the new city website, MarquetteMI.Gov. The new site is the culmination of a year of research, planning, design and development, all of which was done in-house.

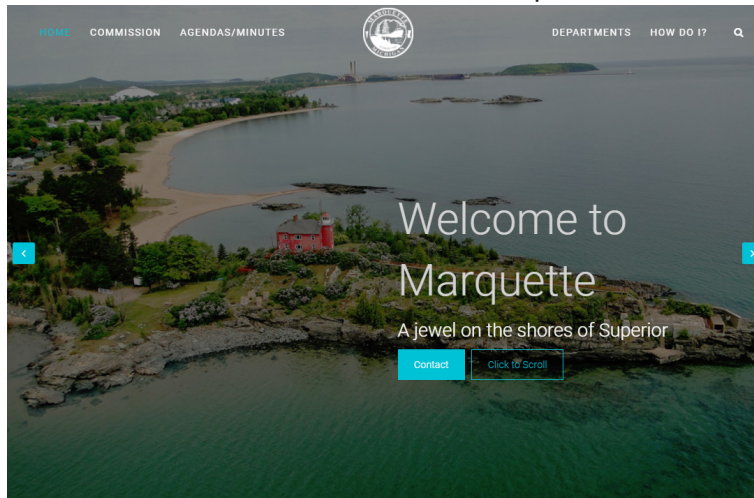
The site was designed to modernize the City's web presence and focuses on providing easy access and navigation to the services that residents, businesses and visitors look for from the City. It is responsive to all devices and naturally conforms to any screen size, from smart phones and tablets to laptop and desktop computers.

Part of this transition has been the acquisition of the .Gov domain. To obtain the domain, the City had to undergo a verification process that certifies to the General Services Administration (GSA), an independent Federal Agency, that the entity requesting

the domain name is an actual government entity. It is impossible to obtain this domain unless you are a local, state or federal government and it adds a layer of security to our web presence. A .Gov domain ensures that you are at a government site.

In an additional part of this transition, all City email domains have also been changed from "mqtcty.org" to "marquettemi.gov". For example, johndoe@mqtcty.org is now johndoe@marquettemi.gov. Any emails sent to the old addresses will forward to the new emails for the immediate future, but

please update all contact information you might have to ensure future errors are avoided.



Classic Cars On Third

The Classic Cars on Third car show was held on Saturday, Aug. 19 on North Third Street in downtown Marquette. The event took place between Park Street and Ohio Street and had more than 160 entrants, from Model-T's to Rat Rods and other custom creations. The event was put together as a collaboration between the Marquette DDA and Bill and Tammy Dupras, owners of the Third Base Bar. The Dupras approached the DDA with the idea for the event, in remembrance of their daughter, Jessica Drummond, a victim of domestic violence. The Dupras wanted to hold this event as a fundraiser for the Women's Center. The Marquette DDA agreed to assist in putting on this event in conjunction with the Dupras, as they hold extensive knowledge about car shows. "The event was a great success," said Bill Dupras, owner of the Third Base Bar, "We couldn't be happier with the turn-out." Through the tireless fundraising efforts of the Dupras, along with entry fees and other sales, the Classic Cars on Third car show was able to raise \$13,029.54 for the Women's Center, in addition to \$4,000 donated directly to the Women's Center in remembrance of Jessica Drummond.



On Wednesday, Aug. 30, the DDA, along with Bill and Tammy Dupras, presented a \$13,029.54 check to the Women's Center from the proceeds of the Classic Cars on Third car show. Pictured, from left to right, is Michelle Fortunato, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator, Darcie Forslund; Sexual Assault Advocate; Alisha Young, Program Coordinator; Alisha Young, Program Director; Sherrie Youngren, Resource Advocate; Bill Dupras and Tammy Dupras, Third Base Bar owners; Bob Knaus, Finance Manager; Mona Lang, Marquette DDA Executive Director; Tara Laase-McKinney, Marquette DDA Promotions and Events Coordinator; and Beth Cassidy, Women's Center Executive Director.



DDA Implements New Parking Meters

The new on-street parking meters throughout Downtown Marquette are officially up and running! The meters have been installed as the next implementation phase of the Downtown Development Authority's (DDA) strategic parking management plan. The goal of effective parking management is to regulate parking spaces in a manner that ensures a percentage of spaces are available at any given time. Parking meters help to control turnover that is vital for maximizing the potential flow of customers to the downtown district's retail, service, and dining establishments.



The approximately 366 modern parking meters feature smart technology, offering residents and visitors convenient payment options including coins, credit and debit cards and flexible stay times ranging from one to three to ten-hour parking limits depending on location. Parking time limits, rates, and enforcement hours are easily identified

on each meter's digital display screen and through additional meter signage. The parking rate remains at 50 cents per hour; however, users may insert 25 cents and receive a half hour of time for shorter stays. The resulting meter turnover will improve parking availability and accessibility for users enjoying downtown's businesses and amenities. For even more customer convenience, future plans also include offering "pay-by-phone" technology.

Parking meters are located on the 100 block of East Washington Street, the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of West Washington Street, the 100 block of East Main Street, the 100 block of West Main Street, the 100 block of West Spring Street, the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of West Baraga Avenue, the 100 and 200 blocks of South Third Street, the 100 block of North Third Street and the Commons Parking Lot. In addition, each public parking lot has several 10-hour meters for those who choose to stay longer than the two hour free parking provided.

Two pay stations are located in the lower level of the Bluff Street Parking Ramp and one can be found in the North Main Street Parking Lot. Motorists should utilize the pay station upon arrival by entering their license plate number and paying for the desired stay time before beginning their time in Marquette's Downtown District.

Parking throughout Marquette's Downtown District is enforced Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. through 6 p.m., with complimentary evening and weekend parking. For those who live, work or spend extended periods of time downtown, rental parking permits are available from the DDA office, located at 203 South Front Street, Suite 1-B.

All parking meter and rental permit parking revenue is reinvested by the DDA into downtown's parking system for snow removal and improvements to parking lots, sidewalks, walkways, and lighting. A Downtown District Parking Guide can be found at downtownmarquette.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Downtown-District-Parking-Guide-July-2017.pdf. For more information, contact the DDA office at 906-228-9475 or visit downtownmarquette.org.

RENTAL PARKING PERMITS

The DDA works to accommodate all users of the parking system and provide management that will promote turnover of conveniently located parking for customers and clients wishing to do business in downtown. To encourage downtown business owners, employees and others that need long term parking to park in areas designated as such, rental parking permits are available for purchase through the DDA office for a quarterly fee. All parking rental revenue is used to maintain and improve the parking lots and walkways throughout downtown. Permits may be purchased by calling 906-228-9475, emailing Becky@downtownmarquette.org, visiting the DDA office at 203 South Front Street, Suite 1-B, or downloading the application at www.downtownmarquette.org.

RENTAL PARKING PERMIT OPTIONS

DAILY

- \$25/month (\$75/quarter)
- Parking in any designated rental lots from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. weekdays
- Complimentary parking Saturdays and Sundays and weekdays after 6 p.m.; no overnight parking
- Quantity discount available for employers who purchase 10 or more permits; \$20/month/permit

24-HOUR

- \$35/month (\$105/quarter)
- 24-hour parking in designated area of rental lot (no overnight parking in upper level of the Bluff Street Ramp)

BLUFF STREET RAMP OVERNIGHT

- \$35/month (\$105/quarter)
- Overnight covered parking in designated area of the Bluff Street Ramp's lower level between 6 p.m. and 9 a.m.
- Vehicles MUST be moved no later than 9 a.m.; vehicles left after 9 a.m. are subject to a parking violation

BLUFF STREET RAMP 24-HOUR RESERVED

- \$60/month (\$180/quarter)
- A limited number of reserved spaces are available for 24-hour assigned parking
- Covered parking in the lower level of the Bluff Street Ramp

2017 Farmers Market Season in Full Swing!



See you in September at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market! Actually, we hope to see you each weekend through Dec. 16 at the Marquette Commons. Market hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday.

September and October are very colorful months of the year for food and are the times to enjoy the bountiful harvest of summer and prepare for winter. There is still plenty of the warm weather produce, including sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers, and, as the weeks pass, more of the fall food comes into season. Squash will be here in every color, shape and size, root vegetables will be abundant and include parsnips, turnips, beets, carrots, rutabagas and radishes. Many of the varieties of the vegetables have colors and shapes that are almost exclusively available at the



market. Most food is transported just a short distance from the growing field to the market selling table. The Farmers Market is also the place to purchase seasonal decorations and find one-of-a-kind gifts.

September and October will be busy times at the market and many activities have been scheduled.

Five cooking demonstrations will be held featuring market available food and there are four programs scheduled that will highlight historic and current farming tools and processes. Shop each week to check out what is happening or visit the market website mgtfarmersmarket.com or Facebook page [facebook.com/downtownmarquettefarmersartistsmarket](https://www.facebook.com/downtownmarquettefarmersartistsmarket) for weekly updates. Live music is featured weekly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Market FRESH, SNAP and distributes Double Up Food Bucks.

See you at the market!



Baraga Avenue Harvest Festival

In celebration of fall and its bountiful beauty, the Baraga Avenue Harvest Festival is planned for Saturday, Oct. 7. The Baraga Harvest Festival is sure to have something for everyone, featuring a food truck rally, carousel rides and bounce houses for the kids, live music, a pasty eating contest, a petting zoo and more! The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum will host their annual chalk painting contest again as well. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled event on Saturday, Oct. 7 and watch the Downtown Marquette event page on Facebook for additional details and attractions.



Project to Honor Phil Niemisto

Eighty-seven year old Phil Niemisto is a beloved fixture in Marquette's downtown. On any given day, no matter the weather, Phil can be seen throughout downtown working to keep shop windows sparkling clean or planting and tending his flowers in the Washington Street Pocket Park. The park was recently named by the City Commission as the 'Phil Niemisto Pocket Park' to honor Phil's decades of volunteer efforts in our City. Adding an artistic rendition of Phil in the Park would be a lasting tribute to an individual who embodies all the attributes that are special about our community. Marquette's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is currently leading a community fundraising effort to pay for the installation a life-size statue of Phil in the park. The DDA has chosen local artist and sculptor Earl Senchuk to create the piece. Senchuk will create and install an image of Phil that will capture Phil's distinctive attributes. According to Senchuk, "my goal and challenge is to capture Phil's

spirit including his mannerisms, attire, and attitude." The statue will be created with sustainable materials that will withstand inclement weather. The Niemisto sculpture will involve the same techniques that Senchuk uses in his Living Tree works. The medium will be of concrete and steel. The process, according

to Senchuk, begins with a framework of steel welded into the size and shape of Phil's skeleton sitting on the bench. Phil's face and hands will be made from a direct molding and cast in Permastone. Senchuk jokingly stated that capturing the man is much more difficult



Photo by Jack Deo

than capturing his likeness, "Phil rarely sits down long enough to measure him so capturing Phil's likeness is no easy task."

The statue will provide the community with an accessible piece of public art that can be freely appreciated and experienced by all. The plan is for the likeness of Phil sitting on a bench in his Park offering an interactive opportunity for people to sit beside him. According to DDA Executive Director, Mona Lang, as of Aug. 25, \$6,100 of the \$10,000 budget needed for the project has been raised. The budget includes \$8,000 for the statue and an additional \$2,000 for an interpretive sign and landscape. Lang noted that the support from the community has been great with over 80 people

already contributing to the project. In addition, several businesses have conducted in-house fundraisers including Hot Plate Pottery and Art Studio and Ore Dock Brewery. The Delft Bistro will host a fundraiser on Sept. 17 from 3-5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 with all proceeds going to the project.

The goal is to have the statue installed this October in coordination with the celebration of Phil's birthday. Lang stated that "this piece will be a gift from our community to our community as honor to a common man and to remind us that we all make

a difference in our community." Those wishing to contribute can send a check to the Marquette DDA, 203 S. Front Street, Suite 1-B, with "Phil's Fund" in the memo.



Photo by Earl Senchuk

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@marquettemi.gov.

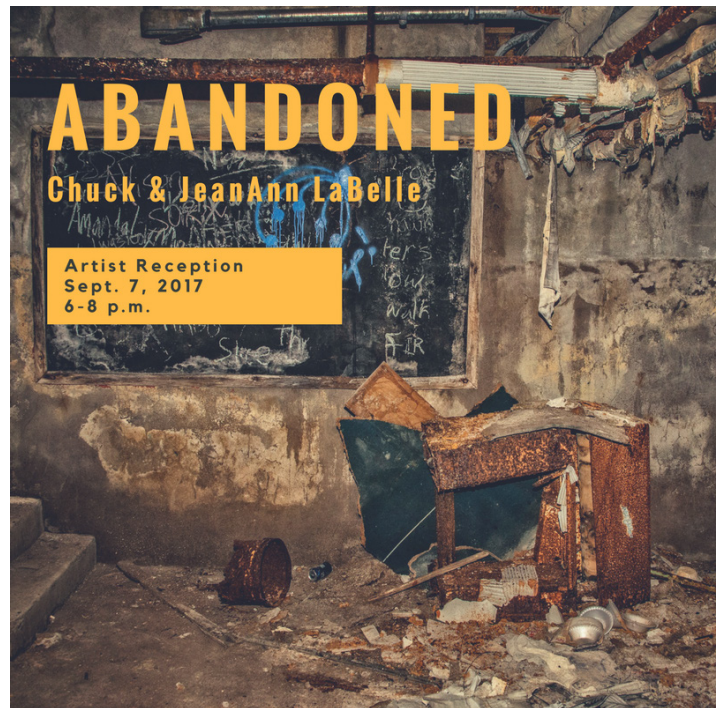


September Exhibits: *Lali Khalid And Chuck & Jeanann Labelle*

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its September LSAA Gallery exhibition: "Home. In my heart, beating so far away" by Lali Khalid. While growing up in Pakistan, Lali's father introduced her to photography at a young age. Her work wanders between themes in landscape, abstraction and documentary photography, but has always centered itself on portraiture. She uses her work as a tool to explore themes of diaspora, identity, family and home in her own life and the lives of people she photographs. Khalid invites you to see her images in this exhibition without a predetermined perception. You will get glimpses of a continually evolving narrative, but the images do not give away the full account - "It is on you to find the veiled stories."

The Small Works Gallery features work by Chuck and JeanAnn LaBelle. "Abandoned" will be a photographic essay on the decay of the Holy Family Orphanage located here in Marquette, Mich. An essay, authored and researched by Melissa Meldrum was added to the book to provide a brief history of the building. This book will also be available during the exhibit. The LaBelles 'are the owners and photographers for LaBelle Photos which was founded in 1995 in Marquette.

Both exhibits will be displayed from Sept. 1-29 with an artist reception on Thursday, Sept. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



October Exhibits: *Taimur Cleary and Christine Hinz Lenzen, Kazuhiro Kojima*

The October LSAA Gallery will feature an exhibition of paintings by Taimur Cleary and and photography by Christine Hinz Lenze.

The October Small Works Gallery will feature ceramic works by Kazuhiro Kojima. This exhibit is part of the Marquette Area Sister Cities Partnership and Higashiomi Japan Artist Exchange Program.



Senior Arts Series

Visual Arts

Classes are offered from twice a month and take place at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1-3 p.m. – Dreamcatcher with Paulette Carr

Tuesday, Oct. 3 & 27, 1-3 p.m.–Pumpkin Gourd Arrangement with Jeff Heitman (Please only sign up for one session)

Performing Arts

Senior acting classes will take place every Monday in September and October from 2-4 p.m. at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center.

These 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 instruction. Interested parties must pre-register by contacting the Senior Center at 228-0456.

Watercolors with Carl Mayer

Tuesday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 24, 1-4:30 p.m.

\$35 Registration Fee (each session)

Students must bring their own supplies and sign up prior to class by calling 906-226-8834.

Playing with Alcohol Inks with JoAnn Shelby

Saturday, Sept. 9 and Wednesday, Sept. 20, 12-4 p.m.

\$40 Registration Fee (each session, includes all materials)

To register, please email joann_shelby@hotmail.com or call 906-228-6027

"Finishing: Order from Chaos" with Kathleen Conover

Oct. 3-5, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

\$275 Registration fee (\$100 deposit required)

Bring those paintings you just can't seem to pull together and get help from a master of composition. Learn how to assess what is and is not working. Kathleen's painting process starts with chaos and she shows us the techniques she uses to bring it to order. She works with all students individually to ensure their personal style. To register, please contact Michele Tuccini at mtuccini@chartermi.net or 906-250-7364.

Beginners Tai Chi in the Gallery with Marc Weinrick R.Ac

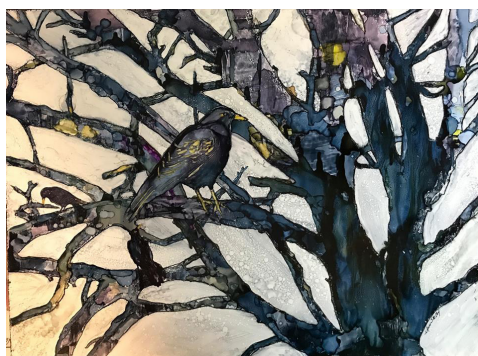
Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.

\$50 per month registration fee.

To register call 906-228-0472.

Learn traditional Yang style Tai Chi. A slow moving, graceful, meditative, martial art that has been shown to benefit balance, blood pressure, cholesterol, and muscle strength. Great for people of all ages. Come dressed comfortably. No experience required.

Participants should bring a yoga mat, comfortable/ loose fitting clothing, and indoor athletic shoes to class.



All classes take place at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library.

The Creative Community Series is made possible by grant funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. To learn more about how to host your own workshop or for any questions regarding the series, contact the Art Center at 906-228-0472 or arts-culture@marquettetemi.gov.

Halloween Spectacle – Open Call To Performers And Volunteers

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces an Open Call to performers and volunteers for the 2017 Halloween Spectacle. On Sept. 13, from 7-9 p.m., performers and volunteers are invited to Queen City Arts Co-op, located at 131 E. Michigan St. to share their acts and talents, or to sign-up to volunteer, with Halloween Spectacle Directors. All are welcome!

From dancers to puppeteers to makeup artists and more, there's a part for everyone in this year's spectacle, which will take place on Saturday, Oct. 28.

For more information or questions, please contact the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@marquettetmi.gov.



Marquette Senior Center Presents: "Who Should I Trust"

A free information seminar about the warning signs of estate planning and annuity scams

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m., at the Marquette Senior Center, a State Bar of Michigan seminar entitled "A Living Trust Education Initiative: Who Should You Trust?" will be presented. The seminar provides essential estate planning information and the warning signs of deceptive annuity sales practices that could potentially jeopardize your economic stability. Attend the State Bar of Michigan's free seminar to gain empowerment in making estate planning decisions.

During the presentation, you will learn how to identify and avoid "trust mill" scams. These scams tout the benefits of a "trust-based" estate plan irrespective of specific needs and make exaggerated statements about the probate administration process to create a seemingly convincing story on why a "trust" and an annuity are the only good estate planning choices. The annuity's long-term investment requirements, the hefty penalty for early withdrawals and the salesperson's commission are typically buried in the paperwork. The percentage-based commission provides substantial incentive for the annuity salesperson to quickly close the deal. These aggressive annuity sales tactics have also been effectively used against veterans applying for Veteran Affairs benefits. Come to this seminar to become aware of these sales tactics used to gain access to you and your hard-earned savings.

It is important to make sure that the person giving you estate planning advice is a licensed lawyer concerned about your best interests and last wishes and not about making a commission on a sale. If you already have an estate plan in place, this seminar will help you to gain peace of mind that you can ignore solicitation from non-lawyers suggesting that something more is needed. Attend the seminar to avoid becoming an unsuspecting victim and receive a specially-designed folder containing essential estate planning information and easy-to-remember reminders of the warning signs of trust-based estate planning and annuity scams.

To register for this seminar, please contact the Senior Center at 228-0456.

Fire Prevention Week



Please Join Us for the Firetruck Static Display
during Fire Prevention Week



Saturday, Oct. 7
(Rain Date Oct. 14)
Harlow Park on Bluff St.
and Washington St.



The static display will start at 11 a.m. and the parade will commence on
Washington St. from Seventh St. to McClellan Ave. at 12:30 p.m.

The event will feature Fire Trucks, Rescue Vehicles, Activities, Sparky the Dog,
Refreshments, and Bike Giveaway!

Annually, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) declares one week in
the month of October, as "Fire Prevention Week". Fire Prevention Week targets
school aged children and was established to improve awareness and teach
children the importance of fire safety. The Marquette City Fire Department has
always endorsed Fire Prevention Week and has promoted participation in local
schools.

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