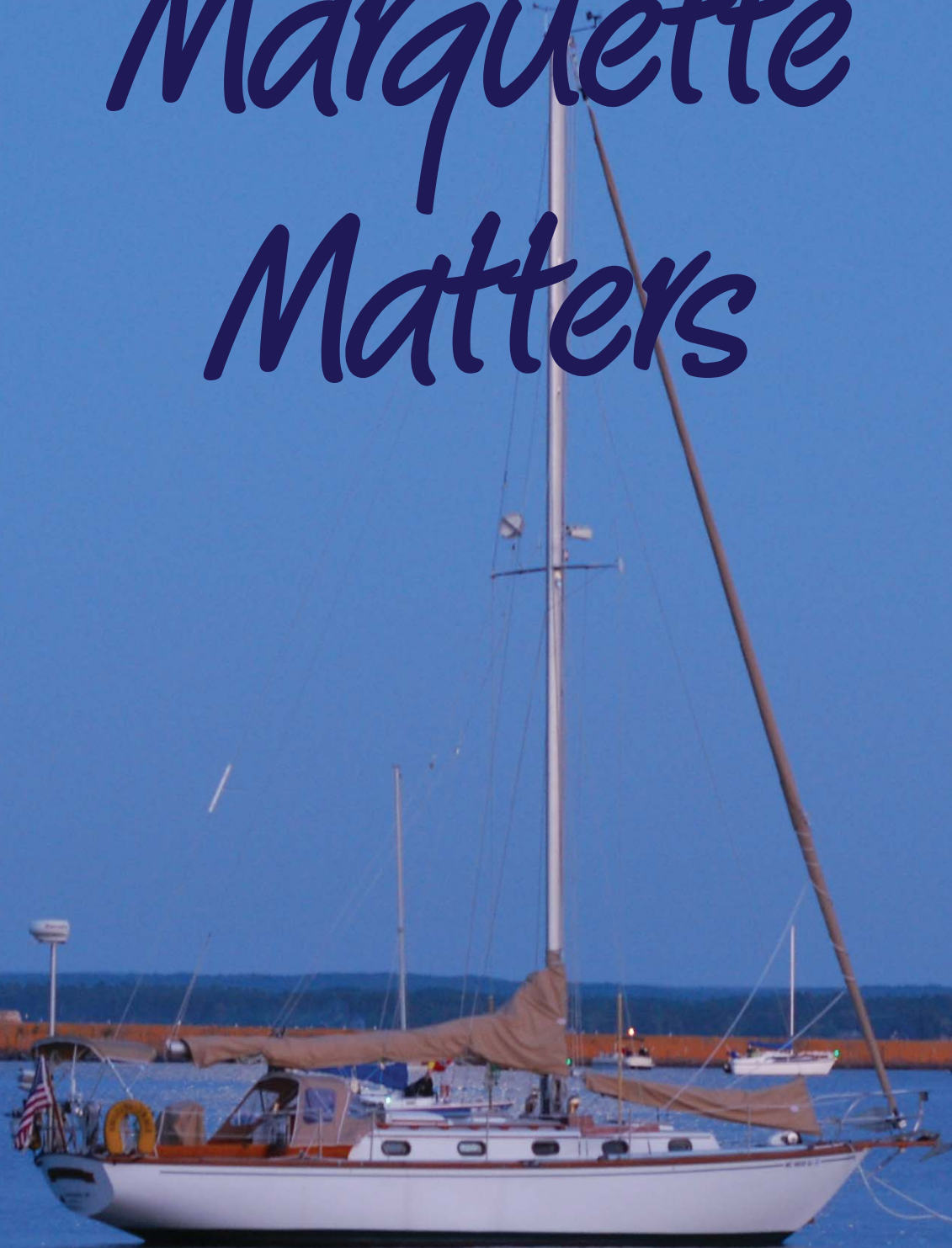


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Fourth of July Festivities in Marquette

The Fourth of July is an exciting time in Marquette. Residents and visitors alike are sure to have plenty to do and see on this day. The Marquette Exchange Club's annual International Food Festival will take place July 3-5, 2014. The International Food Fest will be held noon-10 p.m. at the Mattson Lower Harbor Park in Downtown Marquette. There will be food, music and fun.

8:00 a.m. - Sunrise Dog Dash, Picnic Rocks

8:00 a.m. - Volunteer Breakfast, American Legion

11:00 a.m. - American Legion Baseball Game, Legion Field

11:00 a.m. - Brick Dedication, Harlow Park

12:00 p.m. - International Food Festival, Mattson Lower Harbor Park (July 3-5)

2:00 p.m. - Parade, from McClellan Avenue down Washington Street to Third Street and Baraga Avenue

4:30 p.m. - Fireman's Competition, Mattson Lower Harbor Park

6:00 p.m. - City Band Performance, Mattson Lower Harbor Park

9:30 p.m. - Boat Parade (Dusk), Lower Harbor

10:00 p.m. - Fireworks (Dark), Lower Harbor

8:00 a.m. - Sunrise Dog Dash, Picnic Rocks

On Friday, July 4, UPAWS will host the annual 1 mile and 2.5 mile Sunrise Dog Dash from 7 to 9 a.m. The routes will be as follows: 1 mile course - Starting at Picnic Rocks Park, then proceeding north on bike path to Pine Street, then west on Pine Street using the shoulder that opposes traffic to the bike path along Pine Street, then south on the bike path along Pine Street to the sidewalk on Fair Avenue, then east on the sidewalk to the finish at Picnic Rocks Park. 2.5 mile course - Starting at Picnic Rocks Park, then proceeding north on the bike path to the bike path on Hawley Street, then west on the bike path to the abandoned railroad grade, then south on the abandoned railroad grade to Wright Street, then east on Wright Street using the shoulder that opposes traffic to the bike path, then south on the bike path to the finish at Picnic Rocks Park. No streets will be closed for this event and the public is asked to exercise caution in these areas.

2:00 p.m. - Parade

This year's parade Grand Marshall is John Jilbert. The parade will start at 2 p.m. from the corners of Washington Street and McClellan Avenue. The Rolling Thunder motorcycles are joining the parade again this year and will travel down Washington Street starting at 1:45 p.m. The Exchange Club will be passing out American flags again this year leaving the corner of Washington Street and McClellan Avenue at about 1:50 p.m. For more information, visit <http://www.mqtjuly4parade.com/>.

4:30 p.m. - Fireman's Competition, Mattson Lower Harbor Park

Immediately following the parade, head down to Mattson Lower Harbor Park to cheer on the defending champs. The Marquette firefighters were the overall winners last year and are looking to keep the trophy in the City again this year. The event takes place at the park down on the bulkhead area next to the water. There will be three events: ladder race, mystery race and barrel fight.

6:00 p.m. - City Band Performance, Mattson Lower Harbor Park

The Marquette City Band will present "Let's Celebrate, America!" on Friday, July 4, at 6 p.m. during the International Food Festival at Mattson Lower Harbor Park.

9:30 p.m. - Boat Parade (Dusk), Lower Harbor

The annual Marquette Boat Parade will take place on Friday, July 4, with a weather delay date of Saturday, July 5. The parade forms up at 9 p.m. at the "elbow" in the Lower Harbor breakwater. The parade begins at 9:30 p.m. There are two boat categories: Below 30 feet and 30 feet and above. Recognition for: Most Dramatic Light Display, Most Original July 4th Theme and Most Spirited. Parade communication will be on marine channel 12 with hourly bulletins at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Questions? Call parade Captain Pete at 228-6670.

10:00 p.m. - Fireworks (Dark), Lower Harbor

Any decision to cancel will be made by 9 p.m. in the event of rain and will be broadcast via the City of Marquette and 100.3 The Point. The rain date is July 5th. For more information, please visit <https://marquettefireworks.com/>.

Jen's Blog



"This month's Blog will feature another guest author - Mrs. Jen LePage, with her inaugural "Jen's Blog." Jen serves as a management analyst with the City Manager's Office, and provides support to the City Commission, residents, and the Administration -- and is the vital glue that helps keep the community connected. It's a treat to share her perspective, and I thank her for sharing her views!" ----Bill

It's hard to believe 2014 marks my 5-year anniversary with the City of Marquette. I started my career as a public servant on November 9, 2009. I was hired by the City as an Information Technology Specialist in the Information Services Department. In my position, I essentially worked for my coworkers, supporting them in a help desk setting and maintaining the City's website. I learned everything I could about the "back-end" of City operations, a lot about the City of Marquette as a business as well as the employees that make up this organization.

Two years ago this September I decided to make a career shift by accepting a position in the City Manager's Office. In my current role as Management Analyst, I'm now continuously learning about the City's "front-end," in other words, what the City of Marquette does as a local government interacting with its residents and how it works together with state and federal government as well. In this office, we work with many residents, government officials, community businesses, volunteer committee members and advisory boards to the City Commission, as well as with the City Commission itself and the City Administration, as Bill stated in my introduction. Working in this office puts City government in a totally different light than my old position. I recently had the opportunity to speak with appointed government officials from across the Upper Peninsula. A common theme among these conversations was that Marquette is a leader for other U.P. communities. Our special events, waterfront safety initiative and innovative use of technology are just a few of the things we've done that set a precedent for other municipalities.

I have enjoyed serving alongside some of Marquette's most dedicated public servants and learning from their experiences to foster my own. As challenging as the issues are that we encounter on a daily basis, I've come to realize that many of the people serving this community are top-notch, service-above-self individuals. Working in this type of position is relatively thankless -- the real reward is knowing that other communities can reap the seeds we sow too.

I remember when I was younger, I put on my bucket list "understand the government." I never

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City Commission Meetings

The Commission usually meets the second and last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 300 West Baraga Avenue, unless noted otherwise. Citizens are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings:

- Monday, July 14, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Tuesday, July 28, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, 7 p.m.**

Meetings are televised on the City of Marquette's Channel 21. 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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Treasurer Announces Summer Taxes

SUMMER TAXES: Summer Property Tax statements were mailed to City residents on Monday, June 30. Tax collection begins July 1 and payments are accepted without interest through Sept. 14. The summer property tax bill includes taxes for the School, Marquette-Alger RESA, State Education, Library, City, Senior Millage, County Operating and the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT: Eligible taxpayers may defer their summer taxes by submitting an application for deferment to the City Treasurer by Sept. 14. To qualify, the gross annual household income cannot exceed \$40,000 and the applicant is either: 1) age 62 years or older, 2) paraplegic or quadriplegic, 3) eligible service person who served in the active military forces during a period of "war," 4) blind, or 5) totally and permanently disabled. A deferment postpones the due date of the summer taxes without interest from Sept. 14 to Feb. 14.

Lakeview Storm Drain Water Quality Improvements Planned

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) is a highly competitive Environmental Protection Agency grant program to protect water quality and restore important habitat, and is open to communities in the eight Great Lakes states. The City of Marquette was recently awarded a GLRI grant in the amount \$179,700 to improve the quality of storm water runoff entering Lake Superior and restore native wetland plants that can also filter pollutants and improve water quality conditions at adjacent public beaches.



Pictured above: Lakeview storm drain project site

The City of Marquette, in cooperation with the Superior Watershed Partnership, Northern Michigan University and the Marquette YMCA are collaborating on a unique design that incorporates natural features, improved public access and public education in addition to improved water quality and environmental restoration. The Lakeview GLRI project is scheduled for implementation during the 2014 field season and is being featured as an example of innovative collaborative design at the Department of Environmental Quality statewide Green Infrastructure Conference (May 8-9) in Lansing and the Great Lakes Cities Conference (June 18-20) that was held in Thunder Bay, Ontario. For more information, please contact Curt Goodman at 225-4055.

City Commission Meetings Upcoming

The City Commission has the following work sessions and special meetings scheduled. Please note that the rooms listed are in City Hall unless noted otherwise.

- Monday, June 30, 6 p.m., Room 103, Audit Presentation
- Tuesday, July 1, 5:15 p.m., Room 103, Budget Forecast
- Wednesday, July 2, 5:15 p.m., Room 103, Capital Outlay Budget Presentations
- Monday, July 7, 5:15 p.m., Room 103, Joint Work Session with Harbor Advisory Committee
- Wednesday, July 9, 5:30 p.m., Public Forum (details on page 5)
- Wednesday, July 30, 8 a.m., Commission Chambers, Special Budget Meeting
- Tuesday, Aug. 12, 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Special Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, Aug. 13, 5:15 p.m., Commission Chambers, Special Budget Meeting
- Friday, Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m., Commission Chambers, Special Budget Meeting

2014 Election News



Pictured: City Clerk Dave Bleau

At the City Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 5th, City voters will be selecting six of seven candidates for the City Commission that will appear on the November 2014 General Election Ballot. Also, four of five candidates for the Board of Light and Power (BLP) will be selected to move on to the General Election. The City's Election Board met on June 26, 2014 to appoint election inspectors for the Primary Election.

Certified candidates for City Elective Offices for 2014 are as follows:

City Commission

Thomas Baldini
Brice Burge
Peter White Frazier
Craig Miller
Adam Robarge
Jesse Schramm

Board of Light and Power

John Braamse
Dave Carlson
Jerry Irby
Thomas Tourville
Kenneth Wanberg

In preparation for the Primary Election the Clerk's Office has been processing applications for those who wish to vote by absent voter (AV) ballot. Voters on the permanent absent voter list who have returned their application to vote will be sent a ballot as soon as they are received. Anyone not on the list that is interested in voting by AV Ballot can contact the City Clerk's Office until August 4 at 4 p.m.

The Election Board will meet on July 31, 2014 at 3 p.m. in the Baraga Gym to conduct a public accuracy test of the City's electronic election equipment prior to the August Primary. The Clerk's Office will also conduct training for election workers and precinct chairs and vice-chairs in July. The last day to register to vote in this election is July 7, 2014. For more 2014 election information please go to the Clerk's Page on the City website at <http://www.mqtcty.org/clerk.php>.

Truck Route Ordinance Public Forum

The Marquette City Commission will hold a public forum on Wednesday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Citizens' Forum in Lakeview Arena, at 401 E. Fair Avenue.

The Marquette City Commission will be on-hand to answer questions regarding Ordinance #608: Truck Route. No official business of the City will be conducted.

Summer Hours at City Hall

City Hall offices open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday until Labor Day. Beginning Tuesday, September 2, offices will again resume open hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For operating hours of all City departments and facilities, please visit our website www.mqtcty.org/contact_us.html.

Interested in serving your community?

The City of Marquette has several openings for various volunteer advisory boards and committees. Check out our website for the most up-to-date vacancy information, and for an application at www.mqtcty.org/government.php.

- Aging Services Advisory Committee—
One opening (healthcare representative)
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee—
Five openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals—
Three openings
- Harbor Advisory Committee—
Three openings
- Local Officers Compensation
Commission—Two openings
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment
Advisory Board—One full-member vacancy
and one alternate vacancy
- Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment
Authority—Two openings
- Marquette County Solid Waste Manage-
ment Authority—One City of Marquette
opening
- Marquette Housing Commission—
One opening
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board—
One opening
- Planning Commission—One opening
- Police/Fire Pension Board—One opening
- Sister City Advisory Committee—
Six openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee—
Three openings

Fourth of July Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Avenue; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Avenue; the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, 217 N. Front Street; and the Municipal Service Center, 850 W. Baraga Avenue, will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2014, for Independence Day. The Fire, Police and Public Works and Utilities Departments will remain open and staffed during these times.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Bill Vajda holds community office hours on the second Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. until noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. It is intended to provide an informal opportunity to discuss issues within the community, and to give citizens the opportunity for direct dialogue with City staff about interests and concerns.

Garage Fire Safety Tips from the Marquette Fire Department



Garage fires tend to spread farther and cause more injuries and dollar loss than fires that start in all other areas of the home.

You can keep your home safe by following a few easy tips:

- Store oil, gasoline, paints and varnishes in a shed away from your home.
- Keep items that can burn on shelves and away from electric appliances.
- Plug only one electric appliance into an outlet.
- Temporary extension cords should not be used in lieu of permanent wiring.
- Mount a class ABC portable fire extinguisher in your garage.

For more information and free resources, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.



Garage Fire Safety

Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Underway

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is open for the season, running every Saturday through October 25, 2014, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third Street.

There is a wide variety of vendors--farmers with fresh produce, maple syrup producers, honey, chocolatiers, baked goods and lots of gift quality, hand-crafted goods. The market features live music every week from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

When you come to the market you will notice some changes in the plaza area of the Commons. The reconfiguration is the result of a grant the Marquette Downtown Development Authority received to expand the space to allow for more vendors to participate in the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market. We are excited about these changes.



On July 26, the market will proudly host its 5th Annual Blueberry Pie Contest. Make your best pie and join the fun, with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All ages are welcome, and participation is free.

There is plenty of parking on the north and south side of the market, as well as bike racks and a doggie hitching post at the west end of the market. The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts credit/debit cards, Bridge/SNAP/EBT, Project FRESH and Market FRESH. Double Up Food Bucks are available. For more information on the market, visit www.mqtfarmersmarket.com.

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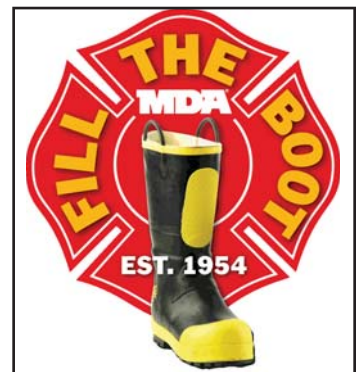
saw myself working for the government, but it's funny how things work out. I'm more grateful now than ever for the opportunities I've been given and think of being a public servant as a noble calling. It was Benjamin Franklin that said "The first mistake in public business is the going into it." And he's right, once you're in, you realize you're never leaving--at least part of me will always be a public servant because the values I've inherited are engraved on my heart. Integrity is the willingness to do what is right, even when no one is looking. Being a public servant is about integrity and putting your personal interests aside to serve the greater good. The values gained as a public employee are with us forever, and that's not a bad thing.

Marquette Firefighter's Union "Fill the Boot"

Again this year, look forward to seeing the Marquette firefighters on July 25 and 26 at various intersections in Marquette participating in the "Fill the Boot" for Muscular Dystrophy Association fundraising event.

Look for the firefighters on Friday, July 25th, 3-6 p.m., at the intersections of Third Street and Hewitt Avenue, and McClellan Avenue and Cleveland Avenue. They will again be out on Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the intersections of Front Street and Washington Street, Fair Avenue and Pine Street, as well as Third Street and Hewitt Avenue.

Each year, this incredible group takes their passion for the MDA mission to the streets and includes the generous support of our community in their efforts. You make us proud!



Downtown Marquette Quest for Hidden Treasure

Marquette's Downtown District will host a "hunt for hidden treasure" from June - August. The event is modeled after the recent buzz around "hidden cash" which took off in San Diego and has reached cities across the United States. The "treasure" features gift certificates of various denominations from downtown businesses. Clues are provided by the Marquette Downtown Development Authority and will be posted each week via the Downtown Marquette Twitter page, @DowntownMQT. Twitter posts will go live each Monday, providing the first clue to where the treasure has been stashed. Various clues will follow until the treasure is found. Once someone finds the hidden treasure, they must snap a photo of themselves with the envelope and tweet the photo to @DowntownMQT or email it to samantha@downtownmarquette.org. This will allow the individual to fully claim the prize.

"This is a fun way for individuals and families to have some lighthearted fun and adventure in Downtown Marquette," explains Samantha Collins, Events and Promotions Coordinator for Downtown Marquette. For more information on this event, visit the Downtown Marquette website at www.downtownmarquette.org.



Blueberry Festival Returns

Plans are underway for the 13th Annual Blueberry Festival to be held Friday, July 25, 2014 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. on Washington and Front Streets in Downtown Marquette. The streets will be bustling as local businesses offer sidewalk sales and specials alongside crafters and performers. Pony rides, arcade jumps and children's activities will delight the youngsters. Mounds of fresh plump blueberries are always featured and downtown restaurants will satisfy your cravings for blueberry fare with creative offerings from blueberry pizza to blueberry beer.



"The Blueberry Festival is a family fun event that attracts locals and tourists to the streets of Marquette's Downtown District. Visitors to the event are sure to have a wonderful time trying different blueberry flavored treats,

enjoying live music and performances and browsing the different wares provided by local and regional vendors," explains Becky Salmon, Assistant Director of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority.

The Children's Talent Show begins at 11 a.m., sponsored by Lake Superior Youth Theatre. The streets will rock with live music as local favorite bands entertain the crowds. Additional entertainment includes exhibitions by Spirit Warrior Karate Academy at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., a medieval armored combat demonstration at 2 p.m., a dance performance by the Beladina Belly Dancers at 4 p.m., and live music will grace the Pocket Park for the duration of the festival. The 13th annual limited edition festival poster will be available for \$10 at select Downtown businesses and at the Information Booth during the festival. For more information on the Blueberry Festival or to register as a vendor call the DDA at 228-9475 or visit www.downtownmarquette.org/blueberry-festival.

West Washington Street Infrastructure Project Planned

On June 12, 2014, the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board of Directors approved the funding for street repair and improvements for the 200 block of West Washington Street. This much needed infrastructure project will include complete removal and replacement of the curbing, installation of stamped concrete and addition of street trees.

The Marquette City Engineering Department will be designing the project and the project will be bid and managed through City staff. It is anticipated that the City Commission will take action on the bid award at their July 28 meeting with an approximate project start on August 14, 2014 and anticipated completion date of September 30. According to the Engineering Department, vehicular traffic will continue; however, no parking will be permitted on the 200 block of West Washington Street during the project. The DDA will provide media information promoting additional parking locations for customers and clients.

The project will be phased beginning with the removal of the curb, gutter, and pavers on the south side of Washington Street. Phase II will involve removal of the curb, gutter and pavers sidewalk on the north side of Washington Street. Pedestrian access will be maintained on the south side and access to businesses on both sides will be maintained to the greatest extent possible.

Phase III will be the replacement of the curb and gutter, stamped concrete, sidewalk, etc. We will maintain close coordination with all businesses, residents, and the post office to ensure access is maintained during business hours.

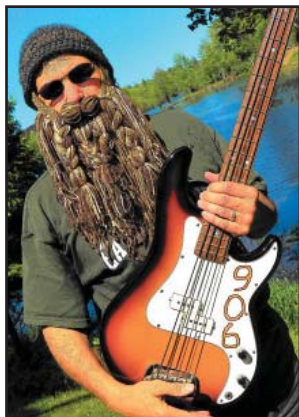
Prior to construction, the DDA will hold a pre-construction meeting with all property owners and businesses to answer questions and provide project information. During construction, weekly update meetings will also be held. "While it is recognized that the project will be disruptive we will work to minimize that disruption as much as possible," said Mona Lang, DDA Executive Director. "We look forward to a successful project for this important and busy block of our downtown."

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. For more information or questions on any of the articles on this page or the following, please call 906-228-0472 or e-mail arts-culture@mqctcy.org.



*First Thursday
Performance Series
Presents:
The 906 Band*

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center presents The 906 Band on Thursday, August 7 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free concert held at the Presque Isle Band Shell in Marquette.



The 906 Band originated over 30 years ago and all the members are from the Upper Peninsula. The line up includes John Mallo on bass, Mike Ryan and Frank Siminski both on guitar and percussion, Tom Doman on percussion, and "Biggawhite" aka James Swanson on vocals. The group plays a variety of reggae cover songs in addition to original and traditional reggae music. The 906 Band (pictured above) has played at the Hiawatha Music Festival and Blissfest under the name of Baboo.

July Exhibit

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its July exhibition: UNEARTHING/ RECONSTRUCTING, Pieces of Landscape by artists, Leopoldo Cuspinera Madrigal and Gordon Gearhart. This exhibition reflects on the current environmental crises.

Cuspinera's paintings are reconstructed pieces of landscape memories made from natural materials, mainly plant fibers and Gearhart's welded steel sculptures relates to the landscape through the use of the artifacts found and collected in our immediate surroundings. Sculptures integrate iron, bone, wood and concrete.

Mexican artist, Cuspinera, has studied and worked throughout Mexico and Europe including France, Spain, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland. Cuspinera has a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, a Master's Degree in History and most recently studied Industrial Heritage and Archaeology at Michigan Technological University.

Gearhart has exhibited across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and makes both utilitarian commission work and sculptures. Gearhart attended Northern Michigan University and studied under Dale Wedig. He opened his own blacksmith shop in Marquette in 1997. Gearhart is a member of the Zero Degrees Artist Gallery.

The show will be running from July 1-31. There will be an artist reception on Thursday, July 3, at 6-8 p.m.

August Exhibits

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its August exhibition: Sender Channel Receiver Feedback by Chicago based artist, Noelle Allen. Allen's exhibition is a collection of experimental, interdisciplinary sculptures made from resin, felt, wax and concrete. Allen received her Masters of Fine Art in 2004 from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) and currently is an Associate Professor of Art at Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois.

The SmallWorks Gallery will feature: Art Meets Quilting by artists Ragene Henry and Judy Parlato and other members of the Marquette County Quilters Association (MCQA). Henry and Parlato are both part of Explorers Art Quilt Group, a sub group of the larger MCQA. This group's purpose is to expand the boundaries of quilting and focus on fine art. New ideas, techniques and mediums are practiced to create the finished piece. Mediums include fabric, fiber, beads, and found objects.

The shows will be running from August 4-30. There will be an artist reception on Thursday, August 7, at 6-8 p.m.

MCACA Grant Application Workshop

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center will host a free informational workshop presented by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). This workshop is open to anyone interested in filing for an MCACA grant and will be offered on Thursday, July 10, at 9 a.m. – noon at the MACC, located at 217 N. Front Street, Marquette, Mich. in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library.

This workshop will inform applicants about grant guidelines and the application process for Michigan nonprofit organizations, schools and municipalities. Proposed projects must take place between January 1, 2015 and September 20, 2015 and applications are due on October 1, 2014.

Workshop attendance is not required for grant applicants; however, updated guidelines and application process changes will be reviewed at the meeting. Pre-registration or RSVPs are not required.



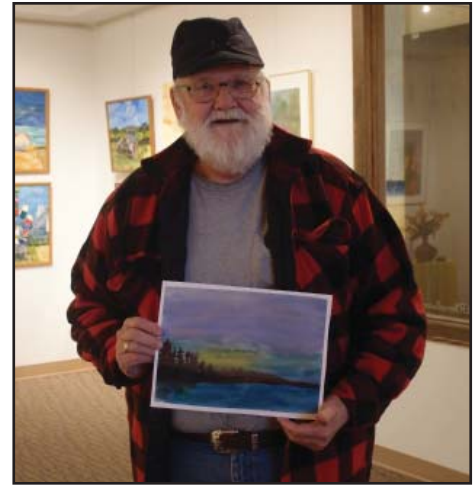
Senior Arts Program Inspires New Artist

Last year, after decades of living in Humboldt, John Ruusi and his wife retired to Marquette. Ruusi left behind his woodworking and blacksmith shop in Humboldt, a place he would spend his days operating the lathe and carving wood. A friend suggested he take his newly discovered free time in Marquette to try something different. In January, he signed up for his first watercolor class with Corbin Lutz at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC). "Being the only male, the ladies encouraged me although I had never painted except the barn and the house," said Ruusi. "I am color blind but they saw some potential and I found it very relaxing and fun."

Soon Ruusi was enrolled in all the Senior Art classes at the MACC. He bought his own paint supplies for projects at home, and is now working towards a Bachelor of Science degree in Art History at Northern Michigan University. Ruusi credits his experiences in the Senior Arts program for inspiring his decision to pursue an art degree. He also encourages other seniors

to participate in these classes, especially men looking for a quiet activity that keeps one "thinking outside the box." The courses are offered every other week and instructed by a different professional artist with a new medium each month. This program provides an opportunity for community members ages 60 and older to try something new, whether it is dancing, painting, drawing, or acting with no commitment and no experience required.

"I'm 75, so it just goes to show an old dog can learn new tricks."



City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Workshop Calendar

Musikgarten with Corrine Rockow

Fridays, July 11 & 25, August 15 & 22, 10-11 a.m.
\$5 per child

Promote your child's growing independence through movement and music. With over 30 years of experience and training, Rockow will lead both children and their caregivers in singing, playing instruments, storytelling and dance activities with a new theme each week. For children ages 2-6. Classes will be held outside at the Presque Isle Store Pavilion, rain location Marquette Arts and Culture Center.

Plein Air Beginning Watercolor with Carl Mayer

5-day program, July 14-18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$150 city resident, \$155 non-city

This class is intended for beginners and will be held at Presque Isle. Rain location at the MACC. Supplies will be provided, lab fee separate.

Plein Air Intermediate/Advanced Watercolor with Carl Mayer

5-day program, July 28-August 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$150 city resident, \$155 non-city

This class is intended for advanced painters and will be held at Presque Isle. Rain location at the MACC. Students will bring their own supplies.

Wooden Spoon Carving with Jarrod Stone Dahl

Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8-9, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
\$125, all materials provided. Limit eight students!

Instructor is skilled with early methods of working wood, mainly the axe and knife, and practices in the techniques used prior to the industrial revolution.

Animal Portraits Intensive with Jason Limberg

3-day program, August 11-13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
\$100 city resident, \$105 non-city

Using graphite pencil, students will complete a finished portrait of their favorite animal as well as learn all stages of creating a finished artwork- picking paper, choosing pencils, drawing techniques, and finishing touches. Limberg will teach students how to capture the character and spirit of your desired animal. Students will bring their own graphite pencils.

Castles and Dragons Art Class with Jake Fether

Tuesday, July 15, 10 a.m.-noon
\$5 per child

Design a fantasy castle and learn to draw an original dragon. Workshop designed for elementary to middle school aged children. You will use watercolor, oil pastel, and more!

Tie Dye with Wendy Johnson

Thursday, August 14, 2-5 p.m.
\$5 city resident, \$10 non-city

This workshop is for all ages and will teach you the basics of tie dye. Bring your own clothes, bags, etc. Rain location MACC.

Senior Arts

Tuesdays (dates below), 1-3 p.m.

July 1 and 15, Dana LaLonde, Ceramics

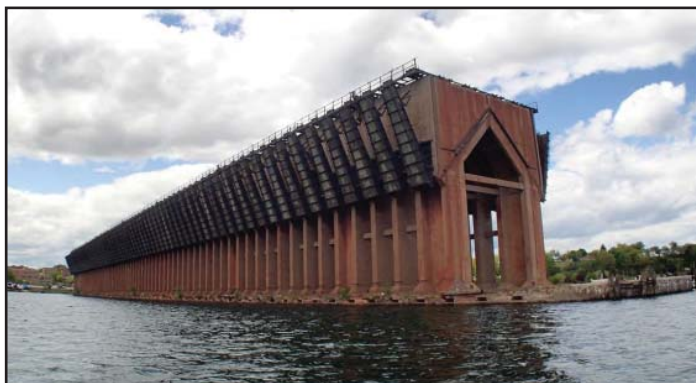
August 5 and 19, Angel Abbs Portice, Pyrography

Each month a new professional artist will lead the group.

Funded by the Reynolds Foundation and the Marquette Senior Center. Participants MUST pre-register for this FREE class at the Senior Center by calling 228-0456.

Lower Harbor Ore Dock Structural and Condition Study Update

The lower harbor ore dock, formally known as the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Ore Dock No. 6, was originally constructed in 1931. The dock served as a major link from the mines to the west to the shipping lanes of Lake Superior. The dock is roughly 970 feet long by 66 feet wide and 86 feet high above the water surface. The dock sits on wooden pilings that extend down below the water surface over a hundred feet.



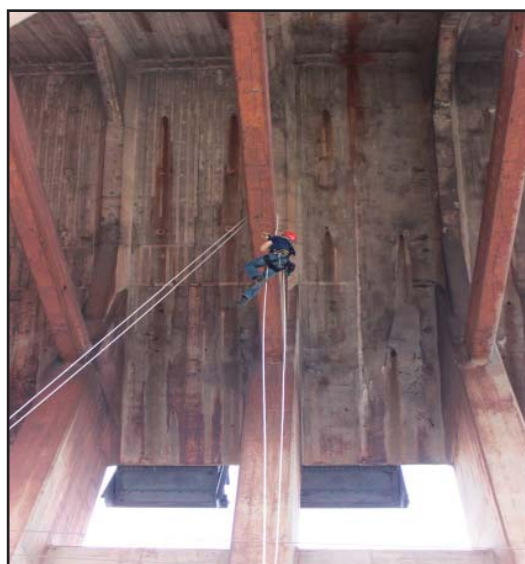
Pictured above: Underwater view of the ore dock support

GEI Consultants performed the above water surface inspection. Inspection included the assessment of the existing concrete cap, columns, and beams. In addition the top of the ore structure, ore chutes, and ancillary equipment was investigated and assessed. A three person team of specially trained and certified personnel assessed the top of the structure by use of a two rope climbing system.

The ore dock (pictured above) was last used in 1971 and has since been left unattended. The City of Marquette took over ownership of the ore dock and adjacent rail road properties in 2002. The City hired GEI Consultants in the fall of 2013 to assess the condition of the ore dock. Part of this assessment requires field investigation of the ore dock structure not only above, but below the water surface.

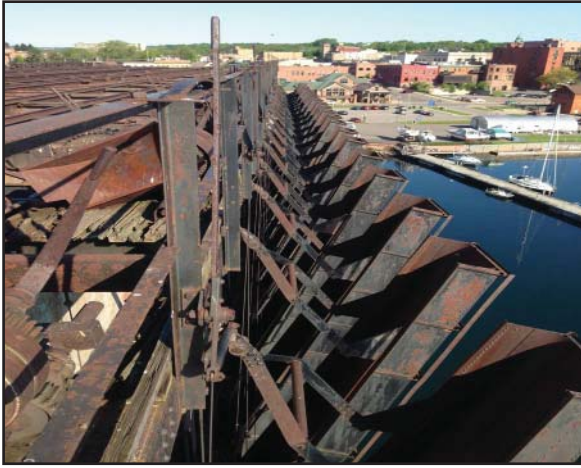
GEI Consultants along with Collins Engineers started their field investigations on June 2, 2014. Investigations were completed during that week. GEI Consultants inspected everything above the water surface while Collins Engineers inspected the structure below.

Inspection below the water surface was performed by use of Collins Engineers' divers experienced in underwater structural surveys. Core samples were taken from the wooden pilings along with photo and video surveys.



Pictured above: Rope climber inspects interior of dock

Lower Harbor Ore Dock Structural and Condition Study Update



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The next phase of the study will include the analysis of the field information, preparation of a condition survey report, and a structural stability analysis. A complete report and presentation will be provided to the City Commission in September.

Pictured left: View of ore dock chutes from above

City of Marquette Recycling Update

The City of Marquette's new recycling program has been in effect for approximately two months. As residents continue to acquaint themselves with this new system, a handful of common questions have arisen - they are addressed below.

My recycling was placed curbside but it wasn't picked up and a sticker was placed on the bin. What did I do wrong?

As they move through their route, workers for the City's hauling company must make quick decisions on whether the material placed curbside fit the criteria for the system. Common reasons for recyclables to be left behind include:

- Materials are placed out on the wrong week
- Fiber and rigid materials are mixed in the same container
- Materials are placed in plastic bags
- The weight of the container of recyclable materials is more than 30 pounds

Additionally, materials will likely be left on the curb if they contain pizza boxes, films or other non-recyclable materials.

What items are considered *NOT* recyclable?

The following materials are not recyclable through the City at this time:

- Foams
- Wax Items
- Photo Paper
- Photographs
- Films (plastic bags, plastic wrap)
- Food – coated foils
- Pizza boxes
- Bubble wrap (envelopes and/or packing material)

Why can't we place items in a plastic bag? I have been doing it for years.

With the implementation of this partnership with the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority for recycling, there are some sorting processes that are no longer available. Plastic bags filled with various materials greatly complicate the MCSWMA's sorting process. Plastic bags can be reused at home or returned to some local stores for recycling.

I placed a pizza box with my other fiber materials for curbside collection, but nothing was picked up. If it's all fiber material, why didn't they pick it up?

As pizza boxes are often coated in grease or food products, they will not be accepted through the curbside pickup and loads containing pizza boxes may be left behind. Rather than being tossed in the garbage, though, pizza boxes can be recycled through the organics dumpster, which is located in the parking lot of the Municipal Service Center at 850 W. Baraga Ave. At this time, curbside organics pick-up is not available in the City, but any organic items can be recycled utilizing the organics dumpster. For a listing of all acceptable organic material please visit us online at: www.mqtcty.org/pworks-recycle.php.

I understand that there is a set schedule alternating between weeks for fiber and rigid collections, but I accidentally placed the wrong material on the curb. What can I do with my recycling instead of holding onto it for another two weeks?

There are large containers available in the parking lot of the Municipal Service Center, located at 850 W. Baraga Ave., for residents to drop off their recycling at any time. The containers are located on the east side of the parking lot. Recyclables can be dropped off 24/7 for your convenience.

For future reference, additional information, including a calendar, can be found online at the following websites:

<http://www.mqtcty.org/pworks-recycle.php>

<http://www.mqtcorecycling.com/>

Giving Motherhood a Voice U.P. Book Tour

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center will host a book tour and discussion, *Giving Motherhood a Voice: A Conversation about the Creative Lives of Women*, on Friday, August 15, at 2 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library, located at 217 N. Front Street, Marquette.

Author, editor, artist and blogger Suzi Banks Baum has organized an afternoon of “mothers reading to others” with live words and a conversation with local women artists and the audience. Joining Banks Baum will be authors Kathy Drue, Monica Devine and singer/composer, Terri Bocklund, who will share their work and host this lively conversation about the intersection of motherhood and creativity.

The book tour will be stopping at locations in Escanaba, Marquette, Big Bay and Ishpeming. This is a free event and the public is encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at 906-228-0472 or e-mail arts-culture@mqctcy.org.

Hiawatha Music Co-op Celebrates its 36th Traditional Music Festival!

Written by Susan Divine, Executive Director at Hiawatha Music Co-op

Join us as we commemorate 36 years of Traditional Music at the lovely Tourist Park campground in Marquette. This is a family-oriented, music-filled weekend on the beautiful shores of the recently redesigned and filled Dead River Basin lake.

The Hiawatha Music Co-op will once again bring top-quality traditional American music and dance to Marquette for its 36th Annual Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival, July 18-20, at the Marquette Tourist Park. This year's Mainstage line-up promises to please everyone with local, regional, national musicians and world traveling musicians. The Mainstage on Saturday and Sunday will feature the music of Teada, Robin and Linda Williams, Ventucky String Band, Hart, Harp & Bones, Run Boy Run, Good Lovelies, Susan Werner, Johnathan Byrd, The String Doctors with Joel Mabus & Ray Kamalay, and the Woodland Sky Native Dance group. Music genres range from bluegrass to old timey to swing to Celtic/Irish to blues and individual singer/songwriters.

The Festival will kick off with the Friday night dance, starting at 7 p.m., featuring foot-stomping bands and lively dancing. In addition, most Mainstage performers, as well as local and regional musicians, will present small workshops throughout each day on Saturday and Sunday.



Good Lovelies



Ray Kamalay and Joel Mabus

In the Teen Scene, Hiawatha's younger set will enjoy dance and workshop appearances by the return of Dragon Wagon and new to Hiawatha teen scene, Tin Can Gin. Crafts and other activities designed for teens will also be featured. The youngest Festival-goers will enjoy a busy line-up in the Children's Area, with child-friendly crafts, workshops, music and stories, the Maypole and the Sunday-afternoon Kids Parade to the main stage.

Another important Festival tradition is the Artists in the Round art and craft show and sale. As always, this year's AITR artisans will offer a wonderful assortment of wares. This year, the Festival will also feature a Young Artists Corner that will feature juried craft show and sale.



Run Boy Run

A variety of food vendors will also be on hand to provide hearty breakfast, lunch and dinner fare as well as snacks and beverages.



Ventucky String Band

To learn more about the Festival or to order tickets on-line, please visit the Hiawatha Music Co-op website at www.hiawathamusic.org. Tickets, camping registration for weekend ticket-buyers, volunteer sign-up forms and information about Hiawatha Music Co-op memberships are also available through the Music Co-op office at 129 W. Baraga, Suite B in Marquette. That's just west of the U.P. Children's Museum; enter the door across the street from Garden Bouquet and Design. Expanded pre-Festival hours begin May 19th and are noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, through July 9th. Or you may call the Co-op at 906-226-8575 or email info@hiawathamusic.org.



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