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Mike's Blog

In each issue, Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager, shares his comments in "Bill's Blog." This month, Police Chief and former Interim City Manager Mike Angeli (pictured right) shares his comments in a guest appearance. Chief Angeli can be reached at police@mqcty.org.



From time to time I am asked to fill in for City Manager, Bill Vajda, when he is unavailable or, as in most cases, out of the office. Therefore, I am writing his blog for this edition of Marquette Matters. I'd like to note that Bill's absences are almost always work-related. As a matter of fact it is almost impossible to get him "out of the office" on vacation or any other personal matter. He works as hard when he is out as when he is in and is probably one of the hardest working City Managers that I have experienced.

That said, when I was asked to write this blog I quickly decided that I wouldn't be able to write about the same things that he does. As a member of the management staff here at the City we all share the same concerns, projects and outcomes, but as City Manager, Bill has to maintain a working knowledge of what all of us are doing and then some. And it's a mighty task. So what can I blog about? Police matters of course.

Given all that is going on in this country regarding law enforcement, and hopefully without offending anyone, I thought I would write about what Marquette does have regarding that topic. First and foremost one of the greatest benefits that we have in this community is the community itself. We all seem to get along. In my experience this is not the norm in many municipalities in the State and probably the entire country. I attribute much of our law enforcement success to a mutual respect that exists between all of us. Of course we do have our share of criminal activity and "bad people", but by in large most people seem to be able appreciate everyone else and what they do to make this a great place to live.

Let me tell you about the people that work for your Police Department. We have 35 sworn officers of which three are female and a non-sworn staff of five, one of which everyone loves as a parking enforcement officer. During the summer months we also employ four Park Patrol Officers that keep an eye on all of the City parks with special attention paid to swimmers who might be outside of the proper swimming areas.

I'd also like to let you know a few details that are not widely known and certainly not often (if ever) expressed in any media. Law Enforcement today is not what it was 50 years ago. As a matter of fact it has grown so much in my 39 years here at MPD that I have a hard time keeping up. And I'm not talking about the technology, equipment or laws. I'm talking about the quality of the individual officer. First, each of our officers has a bachelor's degree. This is significant for two reasons: First, it wasn't a requirement 50 years ago and it still isn't today; and second, it demonstrates the level of dedication that each officer is willing to commit to be the best at what they do. In my opinion it has elevated the career from a job to a profession and is now the norm throughout the country.

A bachelor's degree does not automatically qualify you as a police officer. There is still the 13-week academy. And it's not my academy. Even though my academy (in 1976) was quasi military today's academy is much more so. I don't mean to suggest that we produce "soldiers", but that it is very intense and strict. There are no slouches or dummies as an end result. Again, it demonstrates the level of commitment to be the best at your chosen task. As some might believe, only a small section of the academy focuses on shooting and wrestling with people. A greater effort is made to teach why and when you shoot or wrestle and the consequences of each. It's a great responsibility that you can't truly understand until you've been there. A great amount of time is also spent in the classroom teaching professionalism, ethics, investigations, the law, psychology and just plain old human relations to name but a few. And it doesn't end with the academy. Each officer is required to maintain annual qualifications for specific aspects of the job such as firearms, driving and first aid. Then there's the classroom again which involves keeping up with the ever changing laws and the examples I mentioned above.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that we all work very hard at being good at what we do and providing the best service that we can which includes being fair and honest with all we encounter.

We should all be proud of what law enforcement has become and the officers that work for you. And I truly thank you for treating us the same way.



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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 W. Baraga Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Citizens are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings:

- Monday, July 13, 2015, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, July 27, 2015, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, August 10, 2015, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, August 31, 2015, 7 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 the most up-to-date vacancy information, and for an application:

www.mqctcy.org/government.php

- Aging Services Advisory Committee—Eight openings
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee—Three openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals—One opening
- Downtown Development Authority—One opening
- Elections Board—One opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee—One opening
- Local Development Finance Authority—One opening
- Local Officers Compensation Commission—Three openings
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board—One full-member opening and one alternate opening
- Marquette Housing Commission—Two openings
- Planning Commission—Three openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee—Three openings

Summer Hours at City Hall

Beginning May 26, City Hall offices open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. For contact information for all City departments and facilities, please visit our website at www.mqctcy.org/contact-us.php

Holiday Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library); and the Municipal Service Center, 850 W. Baraga Ave. will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

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 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 July 8 and Aug. 12.

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

Budget Preparation for Fiscal Year 2016

The City of Marquette, like most organizations, compiles a budget for every fiscal year. The City's fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30 of the following year. The Finance Department is responsible for the coordination of the budget process, but essentially all departments take part in budget development. City staff has started compiling preliminary information to set the foundation for the upcoming year's budget. The City Commission will call several work sessions and special meetings to discuss various portions of the budget throughout the process. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- Monday, July 6, 5:15 p.m. - Work Session, CFO Forecast
- Tuesday, July 7, 5:15 p.m. - Work Session, Capital Outlay
- Tuesday, August 18, 8 a.m. - Special Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, August 19, 5:15 p.m. - Special Budget Meeting
- Thursday, August 20, 8 a.m. - Special Budget Meeting
- Wednesday, August 26, 5:15 p.m. - Special Budget Meeting

Changes in Michigan's Freedom of Information Act

The City of Marquette has taken steps to comply with some recent changes to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. The FOIA amendments were approved in late 2014 by the State Legislature and require public bodies to establish specific written procedures and guidelines for FOIA requests. These new documents include a written summary of how to submit FOIA requests and how to understand responses to FOIA requests, as well as deposit requirements, fee calculations and avenues for challenging and appealing FOIA request denials. The legislation was signed into law as Public Act 563 of 2014 [<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/publicact/pdf/2014-PA-0563.pdf>].

At the May 11 regular meeting [<http://mqtcty.org/Government/Commission/Agendas/2015/agenda-051115.pdf>], the Marquette City Commission adopted a new policy outlining FOIA procedures and policies.

Citizens looking to submit Freedom of Information Act requests to the City of Marquette can use the FOIA Request Form; copies are available in the Clerk's Office, and the document can now be found online at www.mqtcty.org/clerk.php. Once completed, the form can either be delivered in person, or via mail, to City Clerk, 300 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI 49855. Additionally, the form can be faxed to 906-228-0497 or emailed to clerk@mqtcty.org.

To ensure a prompt response, requests should include a subject line or cover sheet that reads "FOIA" or "FOIA Request". If submitting a FOIA request to the City, citizens must sufficiently describe the public record(s) in question, to enable staff to find the documents.

- Among other changes, the recent FOIA amendments also:
- Allow a requestor to require a public body provide records electronically, including on non-paper physical media or by email, provided the body has the technological capability necessary to meet the request.
- Prohibit a public body from charging more than 10 cents per sheet for paper copies of public records. (This excludes labor costs).
- Allow a public body to add up to 50 percent to the applicable labor charge to cover or partially cover the cost of employee fringe benefits.
- Allow a public body to inform a requestor that the requested information is available on the public body's website, in lieu of providing the public records, so long as the records were available on the website at the time of the request.
- Require public employees receiving verbal requests for information that is available on the public body's website to inform the requestor of the pertinent website address.
- Allows a public body to require a 100 percent deposit, in certain circumstances, from individuals who have not paid for public records compiled pursuant to previous FOIA requests.
- Impose cost reductions in certain circumstances where a public body does not respond to a request in a timely manner.
- Increases penalties if a court finds a public body has arbitrarily and capriciously violated the Act, has willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the Act or has otherwise acted in bad faith.



Summer Taxes

General Information

Summer Property Tax statements were mailed to City residents on Monday, June 30th. Tax collection begins July 1st 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.

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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.

Arena to Host Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey

During the summer, Lakeview Arena does not see much use. We have hosted a myriad of events and activities, but usually just in the spring when the weather can be quite unpredictable. Aside from the occasional special event, wedding and the Dead River Derby, the vast space has significant untapped potential. Now, plans are being made to make Lakeview Arena more than just an ice arena, but a thriving, year-round community center.

The Parks and Recreation Division of the Community Services Department was recently awarded grant money from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association for the Health Endowment Grant. This grant is focused on creating programming that would allow community members to become more physically active and promote a healthier lifestyle. The submitted proposal is for a pilot program to purchase equipment for Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey.

With this equipment, we will be able to provide new services to the community to keep people active and improve quality of life. There has already been significant interest in Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey, but no driving funds behind it. The hockey boards on the Olson Arena will remain in place for the summer season to accommodate the Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey and to contain the fields of play. The arena will also be divided into multiple courts to allow for multiple games or age divisions.

Parks and Recreation staff is currently working on purchasing the equipment and finalizing promotion and programming plans. Once the initial planning phase is over and the equipment has been ordered, promotions and public service announcements will be made. The goal for Parks and Recreation staff is to have this up and running for the first week of July. Once established, the program could be reevaluated for potential expansion.

We hope this new use of Lakeview Arena will serve a growing need within the community and add some excitement and vitality to the summer months in the Arena!

Grant-Funded Projects Take Shape in Marquette this Summer

As you drive around Marquette this summer, expect to see more than the typical road construction, particularly in our park system. Community Services, Parks and Recreation Division staff have been hard at work over the past few years writing grants for many projects within the park system. This summer will see six of these grant-funded projects begin and many of them completed.

All of these projects have been through an extensive planning process that begins with our Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan. The Plan prioritizes capital projects and is registered with the State of Michigan. Staff follows this priority list when applying for grant funding.

The following projects have begun:

McCarty's Cove Restroom

The restroom currently being built at McCarty's Cove is 74% funded through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program and 26% funded by the City's general fund. This grant was submitted in 2012. The restroom is universally designed to accommodate people's varying needs. This restroom will fulfill one of the highest priorities in our Parks and Recreation 5-Year Master Plan: providing a four season facility that serves the ever-growing population of winter bike path users. This facility replaces a failing vault/pit toilet that was removed two years ago. The City Multi-Use Path will be closed in front of this construction site for the duration of the project, although a detour is provided on the sidewalk in front of the park. Construction began the second week of June with an anticipated completion date sometime near the beginning of August.

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Harlow Park and Williams Park Restrooms

The restrooms currently being built at both parks are 74% funded through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant program and 26% funded by the City's general fund. This grant was submitted in 2013. Both restrooms are universally designed and will be similar to McCarty's Cove in look and feel, but will be closed during the winter months. Neither park has had a permanent restroom before; the new facilities will replace the portable restrooms. Construction began in May at Harlow Park with an anticipated completion date in early July. Construction began at Williams Park the third week of June with an anticipated completion date in mid to late August.

Hawley Street Multi-Use Pathway Extension

The City's Multi-Use Pathway, commonly referred to as "the Bike Path" includes almost 18 miles of 10-foot wide asphalt non-motorized trail. This project is the result of a Michigan Land and Water Conservation Fund grant submitted in 2013. The project is 50% funded through this grant program. The extension will connect Kaufman Sports Complex with Tourist Park, the NTN North single track trail system and the entire rest of the Multi-Use Pathway. The extension will be just under a half mile, running from where the current path crosses Hawley Street, all the way to the Dead River bridge. The total mileage of the system will be almost 18.5 miles. The extension will provide separation of non-motorized and motorized traffic for all of the activities that happen at Kaufman Sports Complex. A contractor has been selected and the project is anticipated to be completed this summer.

Presque Isle Marina Boat Launch

An extensive preliminary engineering report conducted in 2010 provided a multi-phased replacement plan for Presque Isle Marina that was submitted to the State of Michigan's Waterways Commission and approved. Phase one of this plan was completed in 2014 and resulted in the removal of the south pier and dredging of the entire marina. The boat launch replacement is phase two of the plan and is funded 50% by a Michigan Waterways Commission grant. The project will involve replacing the entire launch parking lot, launch ramp, lighting and constructing two skid piers. The animation plan of the launch will change and the ramp and piers will be located at the western most end of the parking lot. A contractor has been approved and construction is pending the lead time on materials. The anticipated completion date is sometime in early fall. The launch is scheduled to be closed as soon as construction begins and will not reopen until completion.

Cinder Pond Marina Harbor Service Building

In February of 2014, the Cinder Pond Harbor Service Building developed a large crack in the block wall that ran through more than half of the exterior envelope of the building resulting in the building being condemned. The cause was determined to be earth movement due to the extreme weather that we endured that winter with many days below zero. The building was removed prior to the 2014 boating season and temporary restroom facilities, with running water and showers, were installed. Staff then began the process of getting a new building designed. The process involved working closely with the insurance company to assure that we were getting a design for a direct replacement while working with the public to correct design concerns from the prior building. The result is a design that will accomplish both. The new design will allow staff in the office to see all 106 slips, the entire boat launch, and the fish cleaning station. The project is currently out to bid and construction is anticipated to begin in late July with an anticipated completion date at the end of the calendar year. The project will be primarily funded by the City's insurance, though an updated advanced foundation system will be covered by an Emergency Michigan Waterways Commission Grant submitted in February 2014.

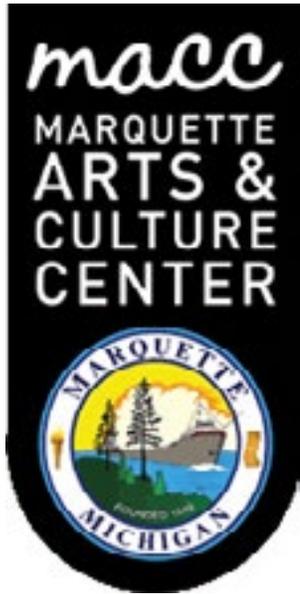
Presque Isle Band Shell Roof

The Presque Isle Band Shell received new roofing materials in June. This project was 50% funded through a Michigan Council for Arts and Culture Affairs grant. The previous roof was failing and had a buildup of organic material resulting from the shaded location. The new roofing materials are resistant to organic growth and are anticipated to last 30 years.

All of these projects are the result of extensive planning, grant writing and public input. While anticipated schedules noted here are our goals, please be aware that circumstances beyond our control may change any given schedule for better or worse. We are pleased to see these projects becoming a reality and excited to open the new facilities to the public this year.



The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center 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@mqctcty.org.



Lake Superior Art Association Workshop Surface Explorations with Kathleen Mooney

August 19-21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (3-day mixed media workshop)
\$300 registration fee, \$15 material fee, \$100 deposit required

SURFACE EXPLORATIONS is a class for exploring a number of special surface enriching techniques. Using acrylic presents unique opportunities for inspiring that truly one-of-a-kind art expression.

SURFACE EXPLORATIONS include:

- Monotype writing and transfers with deli wrap tissue
- Rich texture plates and free-form stencils created with two easy methods
- Painting layered surfaces that are pure and unmuddied
- Capturing truly expressive flow, splats, drips, spatters and small explosions
- Personalized decals with free-form and organic lines and textures
- Iron-on images that make including realism or resampled photos easy at last
- Demos and presentations show you how to capture your personal expression while learning which techniques, materials, and mediums to use for that maximum WOW factor!

To hold your space, or for more information on this workshop, contact Michele Tuccini at 906-250-7364 or email mtuccini@charter.net.

Deposit checks should be made out to Michele Tuccini and sent to 134 Ridgewood Drive, Marquette MI 49855.

First Thursday of the Month Concert Series Presents: David Gerald

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center and the Marquette Blues Society present David Gerald on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free concert at the Band Shell of Presque Isle on Lakeshore Boulevard.

David Gerald, raised in Detroit, plays blues and R&B music. Gerald started playing guitar at the age of 16. His influences include Albert King, ZZ Hill, B.B. King and Stevie Ray Vaughan. Gerald has played nationally with his band and has received widespread radio play. He was recently listed as #1 on the ReverbNation blues charts for Michigan blues artists, and his debut album "Hell and Back" reached #1 on Roots Music Report blues chart for Michigan based artists.



If there is inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front Street in Marquette. For more information or questions, call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqctcty.org.

City Hall Gallery: Seeking Artists

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is inviting artists to apply to exhibit their artwork in the City Hall Gallery. Pieces are hung in the hallway in the upper level of City Hall, throughout the City Manager's Suite and in the City Manager's Office. Galleries are typically exchanged quarterly.

Professional and amateur artists as well as children/students are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found on the City website, or picked up at the Art Center. For more information or questions, please call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqctcty.org.

Senior Arts Series

Visual Arts

Senior Arts is offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Professional artist instruct participants in this successful program for Seniors only. Each month a new professional artist will lead the group. Non-city seniors will be asked to make a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the costs of supplies and instruction. Students must pre-register through the Senior Center at 228-0456.

July 7 & 21 – Watercolor Techniques with Corbin Lutz

August 4 & 18– Pastels with Gene Bertram



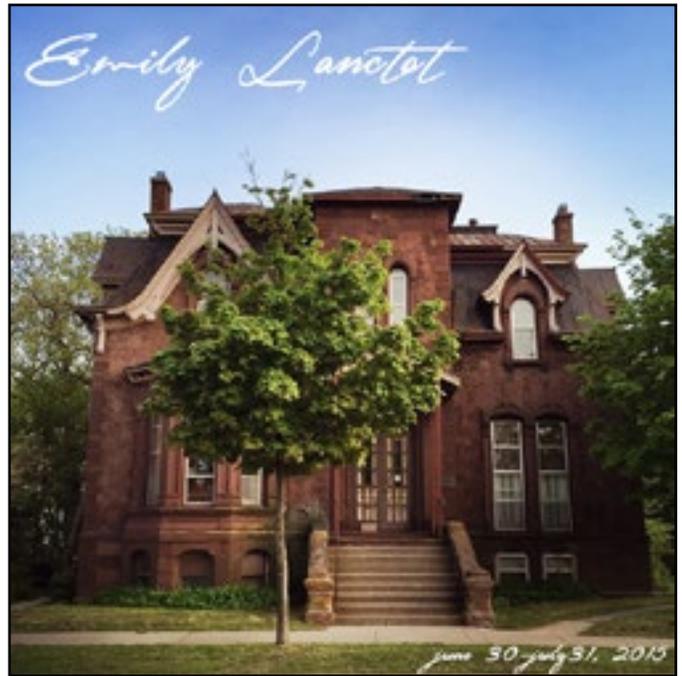
July Exhibits: Linda King Ferguson and Emily Lanctot

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its July LSAA Gallery exhibition by painter and textile designer, Linda King Ferguson. Spanning 2000-2015, explore her shift from the landscape to figurative abstraction. Ferguson received her Master of Fine Arts from Vermont College of Fine Art, where she worked with Michelle Grabner, Ulrike Muller, and Ruth Root, and a Master of Arts from Rhode Island School of Design. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Alma College, studied at Academia Di Belle Arti in Perugia, Italy, and Penland School of Crafts. She is currently contingent faculty at Northern Michigan University's School of Art and Design. Ferguson maintains studios in both Brooklyn and Michigan.

The July SmallWorks Gallery will feature artwork by multi-media artist, Emily Lanctot, titled "Containers for Living." This exhibit will be comprised of house portraits taken in Marquette and mixed media works that refer to the spaces/containers/houses in which we live.

Lanctot received her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Northern Michigan University in Painting and Drawing and she received her Master of Fine Arts at Vermont College of Fine Arts. Currently, she is a curator at the DeVos Museum and a Contingent Assistant Professor at NMU.

Lanctot's images can be found on social media sites with the 'hashtag' #mqthouseportraits.



The shows will be running from June 30 to July 31 with an opening artist reception on Thursday, July 2, 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.

August Exhibits: Menagerie and Brook Powell

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its August LSAA Gallery exhibition: The Menagerie. The Menagerie is an eclectic group of local artists that encompass various backgrounds such as a classically trained dancer, degrees in art, education, medicine and more. This exhibit will include paintings, collages, jewelry and prints. Participants in this exhibit are Renee Michaud, Jane Ladeck, Martha Fotopulos, Rene Himes, Gail Mahon and Linda Hirvonen.

The August SmallWorks Gallery will feature artwork by painter, Brook Powell. This exhibit will feature watercolor paintings inspired by life in the U.P. Powell is an Art and Design graduate from Northern Michigan University. His artwork has been exhibited throughout Michigan, and in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Powell is currently represented by the White Pine Studio and Gallery in Marquette.

The shows will be running from Aug. 4 to 28 with an opening artist reception on Thursday, Aug. 6, 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.

The Greatest 4th in the North!

Planning for the "Greatest 4th in the North" is coming together to make Marquette the place to celebrate our nation's birthday with family and friends. After an unforeseen fire and subsequent public safety concerns prompted the termination of last year's show, the Marquette Area Fourth of July Fireworks Committee has striven to make this year's celebration better than ever. In addition to \$30,000 worth of fireworks, the show will once again be choreographed to music with enhanced broadcast capabilities encompassing the entire park along with radio transmission through Eagle Radio. This event, along with the festival in the park and parade, has made the area a destination site for this national holiday.

The Marquette Area 4th of July celebration will begin on Thursday, July 2, with the Exchange Club's 30th Annual International Food Fest celebration in Mattson Lower Harbor Park from noon to 10 p.m. with food, live entertainment and an opportunity to visit with friends. The festival runs through Saturday, July 4. The parade, under the organizational leadership of the Marquette Noon Kiwanis Club, will begin at 2 p.m. on July 4, beginning at the McClellan intersection and continuing along Washington Street to Third Street. At 9:30 p.m. boaters are invited to participate in the annual Marquette boat parade in the Lower Harbor, with the fireworks scheduled to commence at dusk in Mattson Lower Harbor Park. In case of inclement weather, the fireworks will take place on Sunday, July 5.

In cooperation with the Marquette Area Fourth of July Fireworks Committee, the Rotary Club of Marquette and Marquette Rotary West have adopted the 4th of July fundraising activity for the next five years with the intent that the money raised will fund future fireworks. Members will be selling Fourth of July bracelets prior to the parade and at Lower Harbor Park throughout the International Food Fest. In addition, a community-wide 50/50 drawing will be held to support the fireworks fund. Tickets are available for \$5 each or five for \$20 and can be purchased at Mathews Floor Fashions, the Marquette Downtown Development Authority, Marquette Fire Hall #1 on Third Street, Marquette Township Hall, Vango's and from any partnering Rotary Club or Fireworks Committee member through Friday, July 3. The groups hope to sell 6,000 tickets, with the winning ticket to be drawn prior to Marquette's parade and posted on the final float.



Photo courtesy of PhotoYoop

If you would like to donate to the Fourth of July fireworks, your tax exempt 501c3 contribution can be made by check to the Marquette Area Fourth of July Fireworks Committee, P.O. Box 782, Marquette, MI 49855 or online at www.marquettefireworks.com. For additional information, contact Committee Chair, Tom Baldini, at 906-228-9579.

Keep Summer Fun and Safe

Summertime is a time of leisure and fun. Family gatherings, outdoor cooking and beach time are staples in Marquette's summer months. The Marquette City Fire Department would like to remind you to use common sense in all your activities, and be aware of the following safety tips.

Grilling: When grilling, the Marquette Fire Department suggests the following:

- Propane and charcoal barbecue grills should only be used outdoors.
- Use only approved lighter fluid for charcoal. Never use gasoline or other accelerants.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grates and in the trays below.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

Beach Time: Enjoying a warm summer day at one of our pristine beaches is one of the highlights of our summers here in Marquette. There are three lifeguarded beaches from Memorial Day to Labor Day: McCarty's Cove, Tourist Park and South Beach. Additionally, our Fire Department monitors conditions and manages a flag advisory system. You can check the flag advisory status at www.mqtcty.org/Beachfront.

- Swim in designated, guarded swim areas.
- If you are at an unguarded beach, please exercise caution, be responsible and use common sense.
- Don't swim if you are on medication or when you have been drinking alcohol.
- Swim with a buddy.
- Kids should always be under the supervision of an adult when at the beach.
- Be aware of RIP Currents.

Downtown Marquette Blueberry Festival Poster Contest Winner

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority is pleased to announce Melanie Marino as the winner of this year's Blueberry Festival Poster Contest. She is a resident of Clinton Township, Michigan. Melanie describes her poster as "...a playful logo for the 2015 Downtown Marquette Blueberry Festival, overlooking the city of Marquette. The blueberry character is cheerful, because, who wouldn't be excited about their city being taken over by blueberries?"

Melanie's entry was selected by the community through a combination of online votes, a ballot box at the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, and panel judging. This winning entry will be utilized as the official poster for the 14th Annual Blueberry Festival in Downtown Marquette on July 31 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Annual Blueberry Festival Returns for its 14th Year in Downtown Marquette

Plans are underway for the 14th Annual Blueberry Festival to be held Friday, July 31, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 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.

Once again this year, the festival will feature the Children's Talent Show sponsored by Lake Superior Youth Theatre. The streets will rock with live music as local favorite bands entertain the crowds. Additional entertainment includes a dance performance by the Beladina Belly Dancers, and live music will grace the Pocket Park for the duration of the festival. For more information on the Blueberry Festival or to register as a vendor call visit www.downtownmarquette.org/blueberry-festival.

Placemaking at Its Best... North Third Street

Interestingly, many of the best, most authentic and enduring destinations in a city, the places that keep locals and tourists coming back again and again were born out of a series of incremental, locally-based improvements. This is a concept known as 'Lighter, Cheaper, Quicker' and it will be implemented this summer on North Third Street. Ever wish you could just sit along Third Street and people watch? Or go to your favorite eatery and pick-up something to eat and just sit in an outdoor public space to enjoy it? Get ready for those experiences this summer. Last fall the City of Marquette was notified that the North Third Street Corridor was selected as one of eight corridors in Michigan for 'Lighter Quicker Cheaper' placemaking activities. The concept behind 'Lighter Quicker Cheaper' is that it is an opportunity to use demonstration projects at a low cost and low risk to see what works and what doesn't. It serves as a launching pad for building toward a larger vision and plan involving capital improvements. The project is sponsored by the School of Planning Design and Construction at Michigan State University, and the Michigan Association of Realtors assist in the implementation of the program.



The project will include "parklets" along Third Street which will provide outdoor public seating, bike corrals and artistic benches. The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center contracted with seven local artists to use existing benches as their canvas. Local artist and NMU professor, Dale Wedig, has designed and created the elements for the bike corrals. Each corral will accommodate eight bicycles in a single parking space. NMU Construction Management professor, Mike Andary, has been working with the DDA and the City to create the forms for the parklets. Funding for the project is supported by the Michigan Association of Realtors, the Upper Peninsula Association of Realtors, the Marquette Community Foundation, River Valley Bank, the Marquette DDA and the City of Marquette.

Hiawatha Music Co-op Celebrates its 37th Festival July 17, 18, 19

Main Stage

Papa John Kolstad and Northern
Kentucky Brotherhood Singers
The Duhk's
Bonsoir Catin
Extra Crispy Brass Band

Richard Scofano
The Good and Young Band
The High 48's
The Polyphony Marimba
Mike Waite

The Hiawatha Music Co-op celebrates its 37th Traditional Music Festival July 17, 18 and 19. Join us as we enjoy another weekend 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.

Each July, since 1984, the Hiawatha Music Co-op has invited musicians, families and guests from near and far to come to Tourist Park for a weekend of traditional music concerts, workshops and informal jam sessions. They call this the Hiawatha Traditional Music Festival. In the past 30+ years, families have grown, children have grown, babies have come and now one will find many campsites with three and even four generations of family members, passing on the love of American Traditional music.

This year's music promises to once again please everyone with local, regional, national musicians and world traveling musicians. The *Thi* on Saturday and Sunday will feature the music from The Duhk's, Bonsoir Catin, Extra Crispy Brass Band, The High 48's, Mike Waite, Papa John Kolstad, Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers, The Polyphony Marimba Band, Richard Scofano and Good and Young Band. 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., with foot stomping and lively dancing featuring the Duhk's and Bonsoir Catin. In addition, most Mainstage performers, as well as local and regional musicians, will present small workshops throughout each day on Saturday and Sunday.

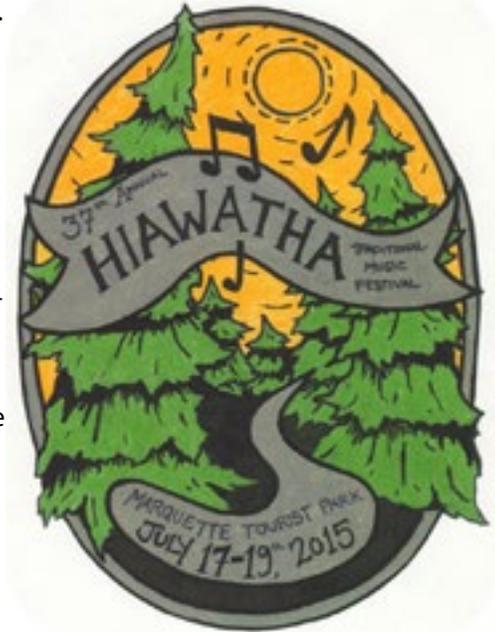
In the Teen Scene, Hiawatha's younger set will enjoy dance and workshop appearances by the return of crowd pleaser, Dead Pigeons and new to Hiawatha teen scene, local favorite Nick Adams and the Aral Sea Divers. Both bands will be featured at the Saturday night 'Teen-only' dance. Crafts and other activities 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 and activities. Children's Performers include local favorites Corrine Rockow and Jeff Krebs also know as Papa Crow.

Another important Festival tradition is the Artists in the Round art and craft show and sale. As always, this year's 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.

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

To learn more about the Festival or to order tickets online, 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 through the door across the street from Garden Bouquet and Design. Expanded pre-Festival hours began May 18th 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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