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online at www.mqtcity.org/newsletter.php.
While there, you can also join the digital
mailing list for *Marquette Matters*.

Work Session

The City Commission will hold a work session
on March 28 at 4 p.m. to discuss repurposing
the old Duke LifePoint Marquette General
Hospital and provide an update on the
Municipal Service Center Relocation Project.

Residents are welcome to attend and the
agenda can be found at:
mqtcity.org/commission-city-meetings.php.

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Message from Mike

In each issue, the Marquette City Manager shares his comments in the form of a column. This month City Manager Mike Angeli (pictured right) shares a synopsis of his first few months on the job. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



Welcome to mid-winter. Depending on how you look at it, it's either been a good winter or a bad one. For us here it's kind of in between. Just enough snow and cold weather to keep us busy, but not enough to overwhelm us. The last time I wrote, I told you about the successes we were having in concluding our negotiations with the Duke LifePoint project. I'm happy to report that everything is still full speed ahead with groundbreaking to occur in May or June this summer.

We've now turned our attention to the building of the new Municipal Service Center on Wright Street. If you recall, we committed to building the new Service Center after displacing the old one and selling that property to DLP. And if you're wondering at all, this is all good. Marquette will have a new state of the art hospital and a new Service Center to better serve our community. Continuing on the building theme,

I can't help but be continuously awed by the amount of new construction that is currently happening or will be happening in Marquette, all starting this spring or summer. In addition to the DLP and Service Center projects, new construction will begin on the "Old Orphanage" which will be converted to specialized housing and is long overdue.

The Marquette Board of Light and Power will begin construction on their new Energy Center that will include the construction of a large building that will house three new gas/oil generators at their Wright Street location. The Landing Development Group is scheduled to begin construction of another phase of their Founders Landing project with the building of a planned parking ramp topped with apartments and retail space. Northern Michigan University is expected to begin a construction project of their own with the construction of

new residence and dining facilities.

Those are just the biggies. On a smaller scale the City, along with the Lambros and Butler families, will begin construction on the new Clark Park located just south of the Dead River on Lakeshore Boulevard. Last, but not least, construction will begin on refurbishing and upgrading to Father Marquette Park on South Front Street.

All in all, it is great news for the City of Marquette, but I must warn everyone that it could be trying, and at times difficult, to navigate through the City. I suspect there will be road closures and other delays that could affect vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic throughout the summer and possibly future summers, so let's all be patient and enjoy the success.

Pigs-N-Heat

The puck is dropped... the Fire Department breaks it out, Hillier's strong, right side, passes to Talvensaaari SCORE!!!! Top shelf!....

If you haven't been to this event before, it is a must see! Join the Police and Fire Departments at Lakeview Arena on Wednesday, March 16th at 7 p.m. for the best fundraising event of the season: the Pigs-N-Heat hockey game. Tickets are \$1 and available at Fire Station #1, 418 South Third Street.

The City of Marquette Fire Department has competed in this annual hockey game for over 30 years. The goal is to raise money for the Fire Relief Fund, which helps Marquette County residents who have experienced devastating loss due to fire. Since its inception in 1984, over \$380,000 has been dispersed!

Besides the excitement of watching the Firefighters and Police face-off, there is an abundance of prizes to be won. Help support the effort and pack the rink. It's anyone's game to win, but the Fire Department is claiming that this year the HEAT is on!



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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, March 14, 2016, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, March 28, 2016, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, April 11, 2016, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, April 25, 2016, 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

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee — One Opening
- Board Of Review — One Opening
- Board Of Zoning Appeals — Three Openings
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority — Two Openings
- Harbor Advisory Committee — One Opening
- Local Development Finance Authority — One Opening
- Local Officers Compensation Commission — One Opening
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board — One Opening (Alternate)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board — One Opening
- Planning Commission — One Opening
- Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee — One Opening
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee — One Opening

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, March 25 for Good Friday. The Fire and Police 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 March 9 and April 13.

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.

Winter Parking Ban

Marquette City residents, NMU students, and visitors are reminded the City's winter parking ban is in effect until April 1. The winter parking ban requires owners of vehicles to find off-street parking between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m. daily. The fine for violating the parking ban is \$50.

Everyone's Favorite Week is Back: Restaurant Week!



March 6-15 marks the fifth annual Eastside Original Restaurant Week in Marquette. The Eastside Originals participating restaurants, consisting of independently owned and operated restaurants within Marquette's Eastside, will offer \$10 fixed price lunch menus and select dinner meals for \$25. This year, there are 16 participating restaurants, each with unique and delightful dishes.

Restaurant Week provides the community the opportunity to experience a wide variety of culinary opportunities for foodies to enjoy. Whether it is fine dining, local seafood, artisan baked goods, pub grub, authentic ethnic cuisine or just a good sandwich, enjoy these Eastside gems at an affordable price. Check out the full list of participating restaurants, along with all of their exciting offers at www.downtownmarquette.org/restaurant-week/.

Restaurant Week
March 6th-15th 2016

THE 906
SPORTS BAR & GRILL

Lunch Special (\$10.00):
Any Entree along with a side salad and soda.

Dinner Special (\$25.00): Dinner for Two
Choice of an Appetizer, 2 Entree's along with a cookie skillet.

Babycakes
MUFFETIN COMPANY

223 W. Washington St. | (906) 226-7744 | Facebook: BabycakesMQT

\$10 Lunch Specials
Specials available 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Choose one soup and one sandwich or salad from the list below:

- Minestrone
- Hot Turkey Pesto Panini
- Thai Chicken Soup
- Veggie Wrap with Peanut Sauce
- Harissa Butternut Squash Soup with Spicy Pepitas
- Couscous Salad

We also include a special treat!

Specials available 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
March 5-16, 2016

Casa Calabria
Italian Restaurant

Restaurant Week Dinner Specials

Two Large A La Carte for \$25
Nona's Meatloaf
Our delicious meatloaf is the ultimate comfort food. Sliced homemade meatloaf served over Parmesan Risotto and smothered under a rich demi-glacé.

Two Large A La Carte or One Dinner for \$25
Capellini Positano
Angel hair pasta sautéed with artichokes, garlic, tomatoes, and fresh basil.
Dinner includes antipasto salad, soup, garlic bread and homemade gelato.

COCO'S

911 Lakeshore Boulevard
(906) 226-2690
Cocosup.com

\$10 Lunch Special
Tuesday thru Saturday, served until 4 p.m.

Daily special panini with fries or cup of soup and fountain drink.

\$25 Dinner Special
Thursday thru Saturday

Pan fried walleye for two served with fries and coleslaw, plus two pines of tap beer.

Donckers
MARQUETTE

Phone: 906.226.4110
Fax: 906.226.7603

Restaurant Week Specials

\$10 Lunch Special
One delicious entree from our menu, a cup of soup or a small salad, a fountain drink and a Donckers' chocolate treat!

\$25 Dinner special for two
Each person receives a choice of either a cup of homemade soup or a salad, an entree of their choice, a fountain drink, and a special treat for dessert!

Harley's Restaurant

At Ramada Inn - 112 W. Washington St.
Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. - 11 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

\$10 Lunch Specials
Choice of entrée: Roasted Beet and Goat Cheese Salad, Smoked Salmon Salad Sandwich on Rye with Arugula, or Bacon stuffed Burger with Bourbon Bacon Jam
Dessert: House made Brownie

\$25 Dinner Specials
Choice of soup of the day or house salad
Appetizer
Choice of entrée: Wasabi Soy Glazed Salmon on a bed of Stir Fry Vegetables and Wonton Strips, Baby Back Ribs with Potato Salad and Coleslaw, or vegetarian Portobello, Roasted Red Pepper and Goat Cheese Wellington with Roasted Veggies or Potato
Dessert: Changes Daily

RAMADA
www.ramadamarquette.com

Northland Pub Restaurant Week
\$10 Lunch Specials

Pub Chopped Salad
Lettuce, egg, onion, prosciutto & Roma tomatoes.

Roast Beef Brisket
Slow roasted, house-made beef brisket, topped with smoked Gouda & grilled mushrooms. Served on a hoagie roll with au jus.

Northland Chicken Salad
House roasted chicken, mixed with roasted grapes, red onion, celery, roasted walnuts & apples. Mixed with a curry mayo and served on a ciabatta roll.

Nellie's Northland Sub
Sliced capicola, salami, ham, banana peppers & provolone, topped with lettuce, tomato, onion & white balsamic dressing. Served on a grilled hoagie roll.

LANDMARK INN
IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MARQUETTE
230 N. BOSTON ST., MARQUETTE
PHONE: 226.2242/2247
THELANDMARKINN.COM

Piedmont
Restaurant Week
\$25 Dinner Specials

Wild Mushroom Ravioli
served with smoked Gouda sauce, topped with green peas & toasted walnuts.

Piedmont Walleye
Served with pancetta, fingerling potatoes, fennel & sauteed spinach.

Pappardelle
Tomato Braised lamb, olive & orange.

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Sweet Water Cafe

Restaurant Week Specials
Available March 6-15

\$10 Lunch Special
Veggie Quesadilla and a Cookie
Two organic whole wheat tortillas grilled with jack cheese, spinach, mushrooms, onion, and bell peppers; served with Cafe-made salsa. Finish with a cookie of your choosing, made from scratch by our Cafe bakers.

\$25 Dinner special
Pesto Fettuccine and Parmesan Chicken
Boneless all natural chicken breast coated with fresh basil and Parmesan cheese served with fettuccine tossed in cafe made pesto sauce and tomato; served with garlic sourdough toast and chef vegetable. Finish your meal with one of our always available desserts, made from scratch, as always.

Open Daily - 517 N. Third St., Marquette - (906)226-7009 - www.sweetwatercafe.org

Available during Marquette's Restaurant Week
March 7th-12th

\$10 Lunch Plate
Nashville HOT Chicken
Over white bread with pickle chips and creamy honey jalapeno coleslaw
Kentucky Hot Brown
In House Smoked Turkey simmered in a parmesan laced bechamel resting on grilled thick cut french bread with tomato slices, flame broiled, then topped with crispy bacon

\$10 Small Plates
Crispy Crawfish Arancini
With roasted garlic aioli, grilled lemon, and silvered jalapenos
Cajun Carbonara
Fresh spaghetti simmered in a smoky tasso garlic cream sauce. Garnished with a deep-fried poached egg and crispy bacon

\$25 Dinner Entree
Creole French Cassoulet
Crispy Chicken Confit Quarter and Our Smoked Sausage all slow baked together with great northern beans in a rich broth. Served with toasted french bread. Also served with a prelude of a Keto and Vegetable salad dressed with our honey mustard vinaigrette.

PORTSIDE INN
(906) 226-2041 - MON-SAT 11 AM-10 PM
WWW.PORTSIDEINN.COM

\$10 Lunch Special
Chef Inspired Sandwich
* Changes Daily *
Includes a cup of our house made soup and potato chips

\$25 Dinner Special
Chef Inspired
* Changing Nightly *

Happy Hour Daily
3 pm to 6 pm
\$2.50 Michigan Pints
\$4 House Wines

Stucko's Pub & Grill

RESTAURANT WEEK MARCH 6-16

\$10 POUTINE & A PINT
A large order of our popular POUTINE and any PINT of your choice from 11 beers on tap

\$25 FUN FOR TWO!
Each choose any 1/2 pound specialty BURGER or any BOURBON BBQ SANDWICH. Mix it up!
Now each choose any PINT from our 11 beers

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Restaurant Week Specials

March 6th thru the 15th
Lunch ~ 2 for \$10
10 AM - 4 PM

2 small (6") Togos of your choice includes 2 Combos!
Classic reggies are included.



Dinner ~ 4 for \$25
4 PM - CLOSE

4 small (6") Togos of your choice includes 4 Combos & 4 Rice Krispie Treats!
Classic reggies are included.

Bring a friend and try something new or stick with an old favorite!

Specials do not include Make Your Own - Prices do not include additions, tax or tip.



THE VIERLING RESTAURANT
& MARQUETTE HARBOR BREWERY
119 SOUTH FRONT STREET | MARQUETTE, MI 49855
PHONE: 906.228.3533 | WWW.THEVIERLING.COM

\$10 LUNCH SPECIAL

ONE PERSONAL SIZED, HAND TOSSED ARTISAN PIZZA AND A PINT OF VIERLING'S OWN MICRO-BREWED BEER.

\$25 DINNER SPECIAL

YOUR CHOICE OF AN ARTISAN PIZZA, TWO FRESH GARDEN SALADS AND TWO PINTS OF VIER-BEER.



927 North Third St., Marquette
(906) 228-7707
vangospizza.com
Specials available March 7-13

\$10 Lunch Special

Vango's famous gyros and a small Greek salad.

**You may substitute any gyros, cudighi or burger.*

\$25 "Family Style" Dinner for Four Special

Large Greek salad, waffle fries, a large pizza of choice, and a pitcher of soda.



Restaurant Week, March 6th-15th, 2016

LUNCH (10:00)

Served 11:30am Daily

Home of the \$10 Martini
15 New Dads, limit 2 per person (same day's cocktail)
Gin, Vodka, Campari or Chophouse Manhattan

Salmon Salad with Blood Grapes, Grilled Asparagus, Orange Vinaigrette

Chophouse Steak Burger with Thick Fries

Shared Tenderloin and Mushrooms
Served with Papardelle Noodles, Broccoli Florets, Demi-Glace

Soup and Salad

Chophouse Apple, Blue Cheese and Candied Pecan Salad,
Champagne Vinaigrette, Soup du jour and French bread
Labor Day Special \$2.00 additional

DINNER \$25.00

Served 11:00pm Daily

FIRST COURSE (PICK/CHOOSE)

Shrimp or Dhalia

Tomato-Basil Bruschetta with Grapes or
Jack Daniels Glazed Boudin "Short Ribs"

SECOND COURSE (PICK/CHOOSE)

Chophouse Salad, Apple, Blue Cheese and Candied Pecan, Champagne Vinaigrette
Soup du jour or
Labor Day Special \$2.00 additional

THIRD COURSE (PICK/CHOOSE)

Beef & Grilled 16 Oz. Chicken
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Vegetable

Seasoned Vegetarian Grill

Seasoned Pan-Seared Filet Mignon, Asparagus, Tomatoes,
Broccolini, Spinach and Red Pepper, with Cauliflower Puree

Cedar Planked Rainbow Trout, Lentil Chips,
Shrimp and Wild Rice

Cedar Planked Salmon, Seasoned Spinach, Yukon Gold, Market Dressed

Six-Ounce Certified Tenderloin
Fresh Vegetable, Yukon Gold Potatoes, Market Demi-glace
(available for \$35.00)

**Prices do not include tax, tip or beverage. No substitutions please.*

Downtown Marquette Farmers Market



Plans are underway for another spectacular season of the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market. The season opens May 21 and runs through Dec. 17 at the Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vendor applications

For additional information call 906-362-3276 or e-mail marketmanager@mqtfarmersmarket.com



See you at the market!

are available online at mqtfarmersmarket.com or at the Marquette Downtown Development Authority office (203 S. Front St., Suite 1-B) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is room for both season vendors, those that will commit to attending each week, and daily vendors, those who only attend occasionally. Live music will be scheduled each week and numerous demonstrations throughout the season.

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts various forms of payment, cash, credit/debit cards, Michigan Bridge Card, WIC Project FRESH and Senior Market FRESH. The market also distributes Double Up Food Bucks and Hoophouses for Health vouchers.



Farmer's Market in Full Swing!

Downtown Development Authority



For more information on the events listed on this page, please contact the Marquette Downtown Development Authority at 228-9475 or visit <http://www.downtownmarquette.org>.

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@mqtcty.org.



LSAA Exhibit: NMU Student Collection

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its March LSAA Exhibit featuring artwork from 25 Northern Michigan University students. Visitors to the exhibit will be treated to a variety of work including photography, jewelry, furniture, digital art and printmaking.



Smallworks Exhibit: Dominic M. Davis

The March SmallWorks Gallery will feature photography by Dominic M. Davis. A graduate of NMU himself, Davis earned his bachelor's degree in English with a minor in Art History. His exhibit will feature a collection of contemporary photographs with a deeply nostalgic undertone.



Selection from the Upcoming Exhibit



Artist Dominic M. Davis

Upcoming Gallery Exhibits:

March

LSAA NMU Student Show,
Mixed Media

SmallWorks Dominic Davis,
Photography

April High School Art

Watercolor Workshop with Carl Mayer

Tuesday, March 22
1-4 p.m. -\$45 registration fee

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

Call for Instructors 2016 Workshop Series – Creative Community

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites qualified nonprofits, artists and community art organizations to utilize space at the art center to host creative workshops and meetings as a part of the Creative Community Series. During this series, rental fees will be offset by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The MACC offers a great location, a wide range of available hours, affordable rates and other benefits that make it the perfect fit for an art class. The MACC has previously hosted classes in many creative disciplines including: illustration, watercolor painting, wood burning, photography, tai chi, voice lessons, origami, collage, movement and music, ceramics, acting, language courses and clothing design.

We are now accepting rental applications for any and all artistic courses. Rental information is available on the City of Marquette website or at our offices located at 217 N. Front Street in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. Potential instructors are welcome to submit rental applications for workshops at any time.

For more information or questions, please contact (906) 228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqtcty.org.

MACC Seeking High School Artists for Show

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center will host the fourth annual High School Art Show in April in the Small-Works Gallery and LSAA Gallery of the MACC located at 217 N. Front St. in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library in Marquette. Any high school age student (including home-schooled students) living in Marquette County may enter a piece for this non-juried show. Any medium is welcome, including paint, ceramics, drawing, mixed media and video.

All art must be ready to hang. Please drop off work by Thursday, March 31. The show will be on exhibit from April 4 to 29 with an opening artist reception on Thursday, April 7 from 6-8 p.m.

Senior Arts Series – Performing Arts

Experience the visual arts 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 supplies and instruction. Registration is required for all classes, please call the Senior Center at 906-228-0456 to reserve your spot.

March 1 and 15 –

Beginning Loop Earring Making with Bonnie Badour. Each participant will leave class with at least two pairs of earrings that they've made.

April 5 and 19 –

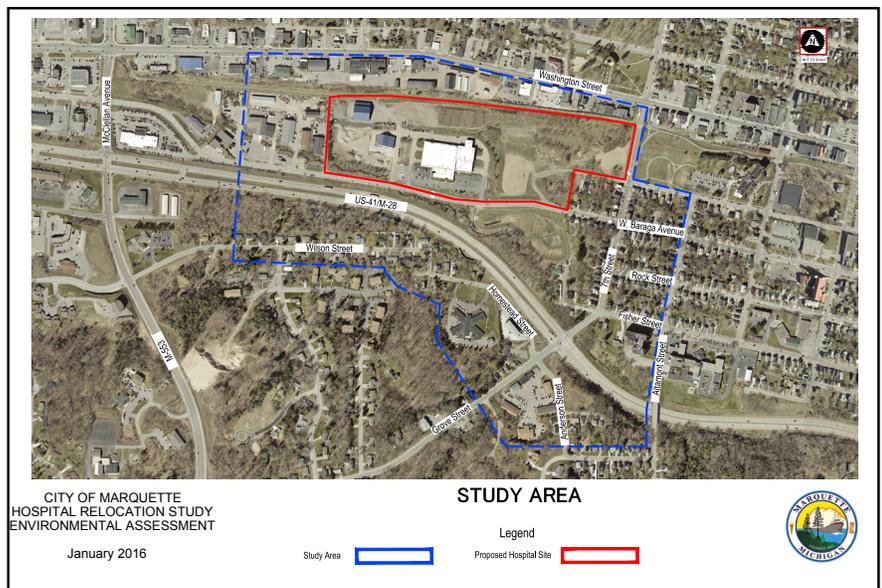
Acrylic Painting with Gene Bertram.

City Conducts Early Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Assessment for MGH Relocation

The City of Marquette (City) is conducting an Early Preliminary Engineering (EPE) study and preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed transportation system improvements related to the relocation of the Marquette General Hospital (MGH). MGH is proposed to be relocated from its existing location on West College Avenue to a proposed site on West Baraga Avenue. The included map (image on right) shows the location of the proposed MGH site and the study area.

an EA as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In addition to meeting the requirements of NEPA, compliance with other relevant environmental regulations (e.g., Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Section 106 of the

As a result of the hospital relocation, roadway, non-motorized facility and access improvements will be needed to accommodate increased traffic volumes, traffic pattern shifts, and access between the hospital and US-41/M-28. Potential improvement alternatives being considered include construction of new hospital drive accesses onto US-41/M-28, Baraga Avenue, and Washington Street; a bridge carrying Grove/7th Street over US-41/M-28; intersection upgrades (signalization and roundabouts); widening 7th Street; non-motorized facilities; re-configuration/removal of parking, and re-alignment of local roads.



During the course of the study, detailed investigations will be undertaken to identify potential Social, Economic, and Environmental (SEE) impacts related to the improvements being considered. These SEE impacts will be documented in

National Historic Preservation Act, etc.) will be accomplished during the EA process.

The EA process will be ongoing throughout early summer 2016.

Purposeful Redevelopment, Marquette's Brownfield Conviction

In recent years, the City of Marquette has gathered something of a reputation for its brownfield redevelopment projects.

Railyards have been transformed into condominiums, a manufacturing facility into a bed and breakfast and a commercial bakery into a large mixed-use development. The City is fast becoming the northern poster child of renewal and rebirth.

"Brownfield" projects – established pursuant to authority under Michigan Public Act 381 of 1996 – deal with contaminated, and occasionally blighted, properties. Brownfield designations, most common on former industrial sites, allow for a developer to receive reimbursement for some costs incurred. The goal of the program is to facilitate development on otherwise neglected properties.

Yet no brownfield project – perhaps no development in the City's history – will be as dramatic, or as visible, as Duke LifePoint Healthcare's construction of a new regional medical center, a project with a price tag in excess of \$300 million.

The project, scheduled to be completed in late 2017, is the most recent step for a hospital, which has, in one form or another, been in the City of Marquette for more than a century. Long ago, two local facilities merged to create Marquette General Hospital, the nonprofit entity that anchored healthcare in the Upper Peninsula for decades. That name was changed after the organization – the only Level 2 Trauma Center in the Upper Peninsula – was purchased in 2012 by Duke LifePoint, a joint venture of Duke University Health System and LifePoint Health.

In addition to the tax benefits created by a for-profit hospital, the hospital

is a vital part of the local economy, according to Marquette City Manager Mike Angeli.

"MGH was always a strong partner with the City, with the most obvious benefit being the creation of a significant number of jobs," he said. "Because of their commitment to growth came the commitment to creating more jobs with the coinciding benefits to our economy."

Duke LifePoint officials estimate the new facility will create 150 additional jobs, and that Duke LifePoint will soon employ a total of 2,500 employees in the Marquette area.

When Duke LifePoint announced in 2013 that they would be seeking a location to construct a replacement hospital, City officials had several reasons to try to keep the hospital, now labeled UP Health System – Marquette, in the City limits.

"The most obvious to me is the greater access to state-of-the-art

"Even in Marquette, where brownfields are fairly common, the Duke LifePoint project stands out."

healthcare. This hospital is planned to be a significant improvement over the current hospital," Angeli said. "Other benefits include an improved tax base from the new hospital; an increase in potential residents from new hospital staff that might be drawn to the area, which could also be a benefit to the local school system through new students; potential new business creation in support of the hospital; and an increase in existing business as a result of people who come to the area for hospital services."

Months of discussion and negotiation between City officials and hospital

representatives led to a unique deal that would allow Duke LifePoint to construct a modern facility in the heart of the City, with direct access to both the historic downtown and the U.S. 41 corridor, the busiest in the Upper Peninsula.

Under the arrangement, the City agreed to sell 37 acres of property – the land that currently houses the City's Municipal Service Center, as well as the adjacent "roundhouse" property – to Duke LifePoint.

Tom Butler, Jr., the CFO for LifePoint Health's Eastern Group, was heavily involved in the negotiation process, and said the roundhouse – once used as a maintenance and refueling station for trains – was "an ideal fit" specifically because it allowed the hospital to stay within City limits and offered proximity to the downtown area.

"Furthermore, located just one mile from Northern Michigan University, it also will offer easy access to the hospital and medical offices for many in the community while enhancing collaboration between the hospital and the university," he said. "Additionally, the new hospital campus will offer major benefits to the Marquette community and add to ongoing revitalization of the downtown area, an effort UP Health System – Marquette and Duke LifePoint Healthcare proudly support."

The City also agreed to assist where possible in the establishment of a 12-year, 50-percent real property tax abatement, and to facilitate the creation of a new brownfield project for the hospital.

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Under a brownfield designation, a tax increment financing district is created on the relevant property using the current property valuation as a baseline. As the value of the property rises with redevelopment, the additional taxes that are generated get siphoned off to be used as a reimbursement to the developer for specific project expenses. Even in Marquette, where brownfields are fairly common, the Duke LifePoint project stands out.

“Certainly, this is our most detailed project,” said Kellie Holmstrom, chair of the Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. “It’s more complex than anything we’ve ever done before.”

The MBRA manages the TIF funds and reimbursements for City brownfield projects and a presentation to the MBRA board represents the first step for any developer pitching a prospective project. Ultimately, the plans must also

be approved by the City Commission and, to qualify for certain tax capture, at a state level.

While the plan is certainly detailed, Butler said that for Duke LifePoint, the brownfield component allowed the organization to think big.

“The Brownfield designation allowed Duke LifePoint to significantly expand the scope of the new hospital project,” he said. “With this new, 500,000-square foot, state-of-the-art facility, residents of Marquette and surrounding communities will have greater access to round-the-clock emergency services, surgical services, pediatric and behavioral healthcare, women’s services, cancer care and laboratory and imaging services. Furthermore, the hospital can expand its more specialized services, like cardiology and neurosurgery, bringing quality care close to home for the people we serve.” The Duke LifePoint project has received approval for tax capture not only locally,

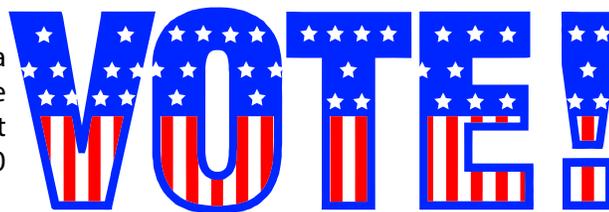
but also at the state level, and is eligible for more than \$55 million of state and local reimbursement. In addition to reimbursements to Duke LifePoint, the plan provides for reimbursement to the City to fund the relocation of the Municipal Service Center.

Butler called the brownfield project a “major catalyst for the strong relationship and partnership that has developed between the City of Marquette and hospital leaders” and said the designation helps both sides.

“The Brownfield designation – which at \$55 million is the largest in state history – will pump new life into historic, downtown Marquette, transforming a former industrial site into a community asset that will contribute to the vitality of the area, provide jobs and offer quality healthcare services close to home,” he said.

Polling Location Change

Registered voters in the City of Marquette’s Precincts 3, 4 and 5 will have a new polling location for the March 8 Presidential Primary. Voters from those three precincts typically vote in the Michigan National Guard Armory, but will vote in March in the former U.P. Sportsplex building, located at 1110 Wright Street.



The change was spurred when the National Guard stated last month that there were elevated levels of lead dust in some armories, and announced that rentals of the local armory would be put on hold while inspection and remediation work was done.

In accordance with MCL 168.662, the Marquette City Commission approved the emergency relocation of the polling location during its Feb. 8 regular meeting.

The City Clerk’s office has mailed new voter identification cards to more than 5,000 registered voters in Precincts 3, 4 and 5. Election Day signage will be posted, and a map can be found on the back page of this issue.

No official plans have yet been made for the Precinct 3, 4 and 5 polling location for future elections.

Marquette's Marinas

Regardless of what the groundhog saw, we here in the UP can expect at least six more weeks of winter! Whether it is two, four, six or eight more weeks, the boating season is just around the corner and our marinas will be ready.

Cinder Pond Marina will open with a brand new harbor service building (seen below). The previous building failed due to earth movement during the extreme cold of the winter of 2014. At this time the new building is substantially complete with a few punch list items to be wrapped up in the spring prior to the May 1 marina opening date. Those items include installation of the exterior drinking fountains, some landscaping and sealing of the burnished block. Between now and then staff will be working to furnish the interior and set up the boater's lounge as an additional revolving art gallery managed by the Marquette Arts and Culture Center. The new building occupies slightly less space, but includes some substantial improvements over the previous building.



The layout allows staff to have an unobstructed view of the entire marina, the boat launch and the fish cleaning station from the office. This is a drastic improvement over the previous view which allowed staff to only see about 35% of the facilities.



Overhead rendering of marina with new facility

The new building was constructed with a metal roof and gutter system that should have a useful life well beyond the standard 30 years of an asphalt shingle. Central air-conditioning replaced wall units and, when combined with efficient methods of insulation and the white color of the roof, the new building is expected to be more efficient and much cooler than the previous building throughout the summer months. This building incorporates a helical

pile system (seen below), much like giant screws, driven to a depth of 19 feet below grade with grade beams and the foundation system constructed on top of them. This design is a drastic improvement over the previous design and should eliminate the possibility of this building suffering the same fate as the last.



The final difference between the old and the new is that the building now has a public restroom on the corner closest to the boat launch. This will eliminate the need for a portable restroom and provide a much better service to the boating community that uses the lower harbor launch.

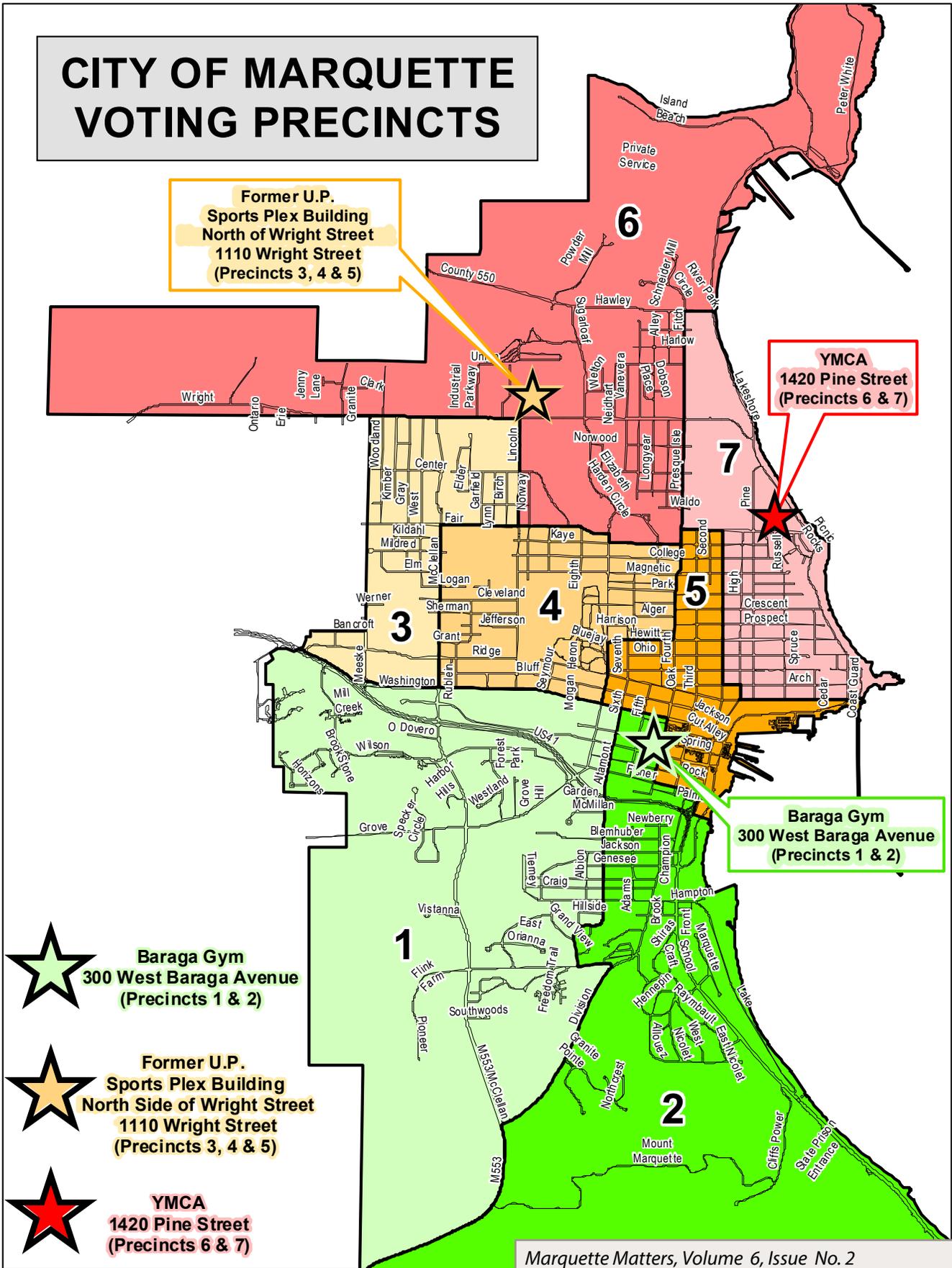
The new facility was funded in part by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Emergency Grant, Michigan Municipal League insurance settlement, and less than 7% Cinder Pond Marina enterprise fund. Though the entire project was unexpected and a major undertaking, Community Services staff believes the new facility will better serve the public and is extremely excited to move the facility into operation.

Presque Isle Marina will open with the first full season of the new boat launch facility. That facility was funded 50% by a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Waterways Grant.

The rest of the marina will open with similar conditions and operations as in the past few years. The Harbor Advisory Committee has been working with the City Commission toward a planning process for a future pier replacement project. At this time there are three options on the table. The Commission will be looking at these options with the goal of a grant submission for the approved option April 1, 2017. This would allow for demolition of existing piers at the end of the 2018 season and installation of new piers prior to the 2019 season.

With these two projects being completed and an eye toward the future of the marinas of this wonderful Lake Superior city, we welcome the thaw and the opening of these facilities for the 2016 season!

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