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# Cold Weather Challenges

This winter has been an unusually brutal one not just for Marquette, but for the whole Upper Peninsula.

Using data from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, a pair of university scientists recently crafted a report comparing January temperatures to seasonal norms. Using that filter, they said, the coldest place on Earth in January was a small town in the western U.P.

Marquette has also seen its fair share of that brand of bone-chilling cold – as well as the associated problems.

The most visible – and most inconveniencing – issue for both City residents and staff is frozen water service lines. The lines are typically buried 6 feet below ground and freeze-ups are only a major issue in the most brutal of winters. In that regard, this one is stacking up to be at least the second worst in recent memory.

During the winter of 1993-94, the City thawed at least 510 residential water service lines throughout the community. In the 19 winters since then, the City has averaged 13 reported freeze-ups per year — 14 of those seasons

had five freeze-ups or fewer, and prior to the current winter, crews hadn't dealt with a frozen service line since 2009. By Feb. 26 this year, City crews had responded to 344 freeze-ups.

When a call comes in, City workers are on the job as soon as possible. To maximize efficiency, the City has established a prep crew, which travels to homes with frozen service lines and prepares the site for the crew that will be using the thawing equipment.

City workers have two distinct methods to thaw service lines for utility customers.

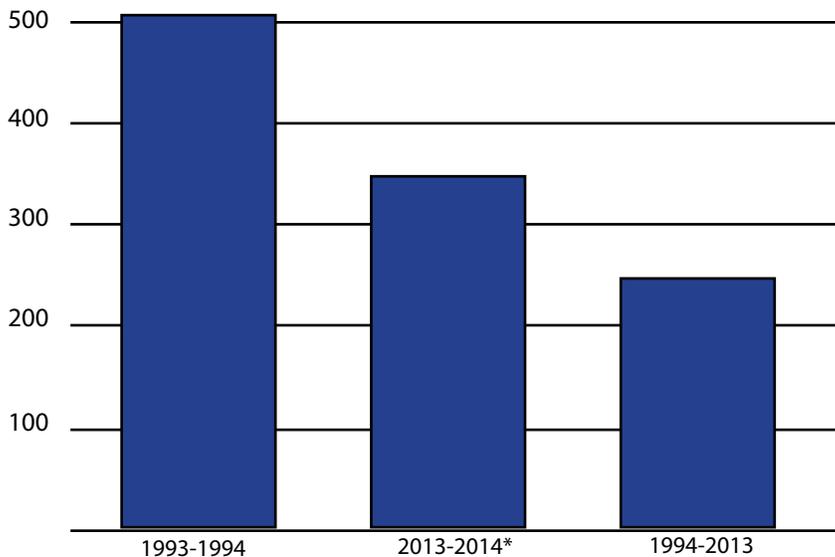
The first utilizes a trailer-mounted welder, which a three-person crew uses to direct an electrical current through the frozen pipe, generating heat that melts the ice. Once the ice breaks loose, staff advises the customer to run their water until further notice.

Understandably, using electricity from a welder to thaw service lines can create a handful of safety and logistical concerns.

That's part of the reason the City also uses a second method to thaw service lines. The Pulse Jet De-Icer is made up of a pump, a heating tank and a small

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### Municipal freeze-ups, by season



\*As of Feb. 26, 2014

## 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](mailto:police@mqcty.org).

Welcome everyone to Marquette Matters and what is, for this issue, Mike's blog. I'm not a blogger by nature, but City Manager Bill Vajda is in a much warmer part of the country on a much deserved break so here I am. That said, I hope that you are experiencing a much warmer Marquette by the time that you are reading this. I know I am looking forward to it.

I am often asked to fill in for Bill in his absence, thus writing this blog which is normally his. I need to begin with the obvious, the cold weather and the impact to all of us. You will read in another part of this newsletter much of the physical impact to the City that the unusual weather has caused; however, as a lifetime resident of Marquette I use the term "unusual" with a little bit of hesitation. Although these levels of cold temperatures are most often compared to the temperatures of the winter of 1993-1994 when we had our last recorded bout with major water and sewer freezes the winter itself doesn't seem that unusual to me. Yes, they are unusual in recent memory but they are not unusual to me growing up in Marquette. As a matter of fact they are what I would consider normal in my memory growing up here.

Much of my youth is recalled with freezing toes (often in rubber boots insulated by a discarded Bunny Bread bag) and freezing fingers as I stood in snow often over my waist. Much of that time was tolerable as I played with friends or otherwise spent time outside (which was the norm back then) or stood in the driveway of the family home with my brothers trying to figure out how we were to accomplish the daunting task of clearing the driveway. Snow blowers and personally owned plows were a luxury back then and metal snow shovels and the now famous "Yooper Scooper" were the norm. I have to admit that even then playing often took over from the work and we never quite understood why a packed down driveway wasn't as good as a shoveled one.

Another memory is the cut back snow banks left after the Public Works giant snow blower came by often leaving "cliffs" taller than any of us. Another new and challenging place to play. Probably somewhat dangerous, but if we were told that it's lost in my memory. This leads me to my next thought and that's the tremendous work currently being done by the City's Public Works crews.

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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, March 10, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, March 31, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, April 14, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, April 28, 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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## 2014 Election News

Elections are conducted annually in the City of Marquette for City elective offices: City Commission, the Board of Light and Power (BLP) as well as Marquette Area Public Schools (MAPS). There are three City Commission seats up for election this year and there are also two seats open on the BLP. Nominating petitions will be available at the City Clerk's Office beginning March 10, 2014. Note: This year, nominating petitions for City elective office must be filed by 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in City Hall at the Clerk's Office. Two elections are scheduled in the City this year as follows:

- **Primary Election: Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2014**
- **General Election: Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2014**

Although a primary election is scheduled in the City this year, candidates for City offices will only appear in the primary if there are more than two candidates that have filed for each open seat. For the City Commission there are three seats open and for the BLP there are two seats open. Therefore, this year, if there are seven or more candidates for City Commission those names will appear on the primary election ballot. As for the Board of Light and Power, those names will appear on the primary election ballot only if there are five or more candidates.

## ASNMU Speaks Up!

Column written by ASNMU local affairs liaison, Vito Giannola

*The Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) is NMU's current student body government. Like any governing body ASNMU represents the students and their best interests. To further its productivity and effectiveness ASNMU has decided to reach out to the City and its community to create an environment that is nourishing to NMU students and Marquette citizens.*

Since the last publication there have been many opportunities for us to get involved in the community. ASNMU was able to attend the City Open House on Feb. 4 to further our exposure to the Marquette community; we saw an abundance of opportunities that our students can take advantage of to get involved. Whether the involvement is through a public institution or through a local business or organization, we were approached with a lot of inquiries and suggestions from community members. ASNMU's goal is to provide a way for community members to reach out to our students. A good way to promote these opportunities is through our NMU student organizations. The members of NMU student organizations sponsor almost 300 campus-wide programs and events every year in addition to the hundreds of group activities. These same students volunteer thousands of hours of service annually to the local communities. In the process, the student organizations that register at Northern Michigan University every year provide thousands of students with fun, friendships, memories and educational experiences that cannot be found in the classroom. ASNMU strives to help out these organizations, the Student Organization Liaison sits on one of standing committees to help foster this relationship. There is huge potential in these organizations that could be advanced through community involvement. Whether it be a sorority working at a local food drive, or an honor society trying to get some firsthand exposure to what they are studying, the opportunities are endless. We urge the Marquette community to reach out if they would like to provide some opportunities for our students even if all that's needed is some help. If you are interested in checking out the various NMU student organizations, visit the "Student Organization Page" at [nmu.edu](http://nmu.edu).

ASNMU is also planning a "Lets Chat" event on March 26 to get the City Manager and a couple City Commissioners on campus to talk to students about the importance of our relationship in this community and how to further foster it.

## News from the City Assessor

Change of Assessment Notices will be mailed out to property owners during the first week in March. The notice lists all current data related to the parcel such as owner information, property location, if there is a Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) on the property, the class of the property, the taxable and assessed values of the property, and if the property experienced a transfer of ownership in 2013. Most people are concerned with the taxable and assessed values, which may be quite different depending on how long the property has been owned. The taxable value is what taxes are based on. The assessed value is 50% of what the state calculates your property to be worth for 2014.

Another area of concern is whether the property owner is receiving a PRE, which exempts the owner from up to 18 mills of School Operating Tax, as long as the property is where the owner resides, their driver's license and voter registration reflects the property address, and state and federal taxes are filed from the property address.

If a property owner disagrees with their valuation, after receiving their Change of Assessment Notice, the property owner may protest to the March Board of Review (BoR). The property owner may want to call the Assessing Department to discuss their Change of Assessment Notice. The Assessing Department staff phone numbers are: 906-225-8378 for Susan Bovan, Assessor; 906-225-8379 for Ellen Britton, Appraiser; or 906-225-8381 for Amanda Forslund, Assessing Assistant.

The March BoR sessions will be held on Monday, March 24 and Tuesday, March 25, 2014. These sessions are the only time for a property owner to protest the value of their property. The Monday, March 24 session is from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Tuesday, March 25th session is from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. All BoR sessions are held in City Commission Chambers, located at 300 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette.

## Business Licensing in the City of Marquette

Each year the City Clerk's Office administers the business licensing process in the City of Marquette for certain businesses in accordance with the City Code. Each year these licenses expire on April 30. The Clerk's Office will send out notices to these businesses in mid-March so that they have ample time to have their license applications processed. Businesses that begin operations after the licensing period, and require a license, need to obtain their license from the Clerk's Office before they conduct business.

Businesses requiring a license in the City of Marquette are described in the City Code. In general, the following are typical business licensed for operation in the City of Marquette: Transient Merchants, Taxi Cab Company, Auctioneer, Carnival/Circus, Hotels/Motels/Lodging House/Bed & Breakfast, Junk/Second Hand Dealers, Message Establishment/Technician, Peddlers & Solicitors, Theaters and Farm Produce.

## Marquette Restaurant Week

Celebrate the local flavors of Marquette's Eastside Dining District during the third annual "Marquette Restaurant Week," March 9-15, 2014. The Eastside Originals participating restaurants, consisting of independently owned and operated restaurants within Marquette's Eastside District, will offer \$10 fixed price lunch menus and select dinner meals for \$25. 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. More information is available at [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/722237961140095/>.

## 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 [mqtcty.org/government.html](http://mqtcty.org/government.html).

- Aging Services Advisory Committee— One opening (housing representative)
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee— Three openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals— Three openings
- Downtown Development Authority— One opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee— One opening
- Local Officers Compensation Commission—Two openings
- Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority—Two openings
- Marquette Housing Commission— One opening
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board— Two openings
- Planning Commission—One opening
- Police/Fire Pension Board—One opening
- Sister City Advisory Committee— Five openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee— Two openings

## Good Friday Holiday 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, April 18, 2014, for the Good Friday holiday. The Fire and Police 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.

## Winter Hours at City Hall

City Hall offices are open from 8 a.m. -5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For operating hours of other City departments and facilities, please visit our website [www.mqtcty.org/contact\\_us.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/contact_us.html).

## Just how cold has this winter really been?

Colder than any other, according to the National Weather Service. Data compiled by the NWS Marquette office shows that the winter of 2013-2014 is the most bitterly cold winter on record (NWS data stretched back to 1961). The average temperature from Dec. 1 through Feb. 18 was just 7.4 degrees, the lowest ever recorded, and the winter was punctuated by a period of 1,832 hours wherein the high temperature at the NWS station failed to top 32 degrees. That 75-day stretch bested the previous streak – set in the 1970s – by three days.

Another record will also likely fall before spring, according to NWS meteorologists. As of mid-February, there had been 49 days with a low temperature at or below 0. The record is 59 days.

Temperatures this winter have been far below average. National weather Service Data indicates that the mean temperatures in December and January fell more than 7 degrees shy of the 30-year averages for those months. Midway through the month, February was shaping up to be even colder.

### TEMPERATURE BY MONTH

Month	2013 Ave	30-year Ave
Dec. 2013	10.9 degrees	18.5 degrees
Jan. 2014	5.8 degrees	12.9 degrees
Feb. 2014	4.4 degrees*	16.2 degrees

\*Through Feb. 19

### Tips: protect your pipes

To help prevent pipes from freezing:

- Make sure all pipes exposed to the elements are wrapped in heat tape or are well-insulated, including those in crawl spaces and along exterior walls.
- Plan plowing and shoveling activities to maintain substantial snow cover over shallow underground lines. Snow can act as great insulation against pipe-freezing cold.
- Keep your water running, if asked to do so by City staff. Those on a let run order should run cold water at a rate of 1/4 to 1/2 gallon per minute and should open a tap completely for two to three minutes at least twice per day.

If you suspect your utilities are freezing, contact the Department of Public Works at 228-0444 between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. After hours and on weekends, call 228-0488.

Additional information about preventative measures and procedures can be found on the City's website, [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org).

## Cold Weather Challenges

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flexible hose, which is fed into the frozen pipe. The heated water circulates through the hose and melts the ice. Some service line thawing efforts are simple and take as little as an hour to complete, while others require excavation and extensive work and could stretch on for days.

And even as winter begins to wind down, the worst may be yet to come this spring. With frost levels reaching 5 to 7 feet into the ground, City staff anticipates an upturn in breaks as the frost works its way up, shifting underground service lines.

Dealing with these side effects of one of the bitterest winters in local history, City resources have been stretched thin.

Through the worst of this winter's deep freeze, workers have been dealing with frozen service lines during the day and handling snow removal (including cutting banks back) at night. During that time, plowing has been limited largely to major streets. Many employees have been working 12-hour shifts, seven days per week and personnel have been shifted from the Wastewater Treatment Facility and the Water Filtration Plant to staff the crews necessary to deal with the service freeze-ups, which were being reported at a rate of 12 per day during the first half of February.

At right, the Pulse Jet De-Icer is a simpler and more compact tool for thawing frozen service lines. With a heating tank, a pump and a small hose, City crews can thaw frozen pipes from the inside.



Above, the trailer-mounted welder used by City crews when thawing frozen service lines. By directing an electrical current through a frozen pipe, workers are able to melt the ice within. Crews only use the welder during daylight hours.

## Hundreds placed on let run orders

In addition to those whose pipes have frozen previously, hundreds of City residents with at-risk infrastructure have been placed on let run orders. As of Feb. 26, a total of 1,205 residents have been asked to let their water run this winter in an attempt to prevent pipes from freezing or re-freezing.

When residents are given a let run order, the City does all it can to divert added costs from the consumer. Using a formula that incorporates a current reading of the meter, as well as readings from past bills and projections related to typical usage, staff estimates a likely average bill for each customer on a let run order.

As the let run orders increase, so too does the amount of total water consumption in the City.

During the harsh winter of 1993-94, when the City saw more than 500 service line freeze-ups, water flow topped out on Feb. 25, when 4.81 million gallons were used. In March of 1994, average daily water use throughout the city was 4 million gallons.

During last year's mild winter, 2.55 million gallons were used on Feb. 25 and average daily water flow during March of 2013 was 2.2 million gallons.

## Mike's Blog

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Filling in for Bill, I've become more aware of the impact this kind of weather can have on a community and the corresponding impact on the people and service responsible for making sure we all have running water and sewers as well as cleared and safe roads. Our people have been nothing short of amazing and we all should be thankful. In normal years snow plowing and clearing by itself will occupy much of their time, but in winters like this one the added responsibility of thawing frozen pipes and digging up streets can push them to their limits—both personal and professional. Most of the crews have been working 12-hour shifts 24/7 just to keep up with the calls for service, not to mention that the water and sewer departments are running at near maximum capacity to accommodate the "let run" requirement needed to prevent many pipes from re-freezing or just freezing in general. I thank them for that.

Of course there are many other good things happening in Marquette that deserve mentioning that continue to make us the progressive and entertaining City that we are. I admit that many of them are difficult for me to wrap my head around in the short time that I'm here, so I'll leave them for Bill and another blog. All in all Marquette is a great place to be any time of the year, so have no fear we are here. Now go out and enjoy it.

## Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

The Marquette City Fire Department wants to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks as we "Spring Forward" on March 9.



**Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors can only alert you if they have battery or electrical power.**

Changing the batteries in these devices once a year, when you set your clocks forward for daylight savings time, will ensure that you are alerted in the case of an emergency. When you are changing your batteries, it is a good time to vacuum your detectors to remove any dust that may have accumulated.

All detectors should be tested once a month. To test the smoke detector, press the button on the cover. Hold the button down until you hear a beep. If you don't hear a beep, then the system is not working properly. It could be the batteries or the detector itself.

Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. Carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 2-10 years according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The Marquette City Fire Department provides up to two free smoke detectors for City residents if there is someone age 65 or older or age 14 or younger occupying the residence.

**Working smoke detectors double your chances of surviving a residential structure fire.**

Sign up for free installation by calling 225-8936 or you may pick them up at the Marquette City Fire Department located at 418 South Third Street.

## Annual Pigs-N-Heat Charity Hockey Game

Hockey fever is in the air and the big event is about to begin! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. for the 31st Annual Pigs-N-Heat charity hockey game at Lakeview Arena. Tickets are still \$1.00 each and you will then be entered for a chance to win numerous prizes. As thousands of fans from Marquette County look on, firefighters and law enforcement officers face off against each other, hoping to win this year's Pigs-N-Heat game. Although the game is great fun for fans and players alike, there is a more serious side to this ice hockey game. The Pigs-N-Heat Fire Relief Fund provides three nights of lodging and a monetary donation to fire victims displaced from their homes due to a fire.

Although police and fire department support has been great, it is the overwhelming community support and participation that make the Pigs-N-Heat Fire Relief Fund Hockey game so successful.



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, please call (906) 228-0472 or e-mail [arts-culture@mqctcy.org](mailto:arts-culture@mqctcy.org).

## First Thursday of the Month Performance Series Presents: Emerging Artists

The City of Marquette presents "Emerging Artists" for the March First Thursday Performance Series on Thursday, March 6 at 7 p.m. This concert will celebrate young, talented musicians and performers from the area who are 18 and younger. This concert is free to the public and will include a variety from full band music to solo acts.

## National Quilting Day

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) hosts Marquette County Quilter's Association's National Quilting Day.

The MACC will host National Quilting Day on Saturday, March 15, at 11 a.m. in the in the Community Room at the Peter White Public Library from 11 a.m. -4 p.m. At noon the Marquette County Quilter's Association (MCQA) will tell the stories behind their quilts for a "sew and tell." The MCQA will hold fun demonstrations for children and adults and even help children start their own quilt! Demos will be held on hand quilting, machine quilting, scenery quilting, and other techniques! An old fashioned bed turner will be on display along with new and antique quilts. All skill levels are encouraged to come and enjoy this time honored art. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



## March Exhibits: Carolyn Snyder and Christy Binoniemi

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center features artwork by oil painter, Carolyn K. Snyder. Portraits displayed include an examination of light and color reflected on water, patterns and shapes, and a self portrait study. A former medical illustrator at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Snyder focuses on transforming a 3-dimensional world in a 2-dimensional image.

The SmallWorks Gallery features work by Minneapolis based artist, Christy Binoniemi. Binoniemi uses wool roving to felt real life subjects with techniques such as layering the fibers and the use of a single needle. To accompany this exhibit, Binoniemi will teach two needle felting classes at the Marquette Arts and Culture Center on March 15.



The Main Gallery and SmallWorks Gallery run from March 4 - March 28. There will be an opening reception for both artists on Thursday, March 6 at 6-8 p.m. Refreshments will be available and the public is encouraged to attend.

## April Exhibits: High School Art Show & Art Student League

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center will host original artwork by high school aged students in Marquette county. This third annual show is an opportunity for the community to see the local youth talent and for the students to present what they've achieved during the academic year.

The SmallWorks Gallery features artwork by the Northern Michigan University (NMU) Art Student League (ASL) for the month of April. The NMU ASL is a group that is dedicated to advising the student groups within the NMU School of Art and Design. This juried show will feature a variety of works and mediums that highlight NMU's art programs.

The Main Gallery and SmallWorks Gallery run from April 1 through May 3. There will be an opening reception for both galleries on Thursday, April 3 at 6-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is encouraged to attend.

## Arts and Culture Master Plan Public Survey

The City of Marquette has a vibrant arts and culture community. Our creative sector plays an important role in the economic health of our community. To better understand our economic impact the City of Marquette is conducting this survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses of arts and culture community. This information will be used in the development of a ten year Arts and Culture Master Plan.

Please help support arts and culture in Marquette by filling out the Public Survey at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/imaginemarquette>.

If you would prefer a paper copy please contact us or visit the Marquette Arts and Culture Center located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. The Center can be reached by phone at (906) 228-0472 or e-mail [arts-culture@mqctcy.org](mailto:arts-culture@mqctcy.org). We will be happy to mail you a survey.

## 18th Annual Arts Awards Request for Nominations

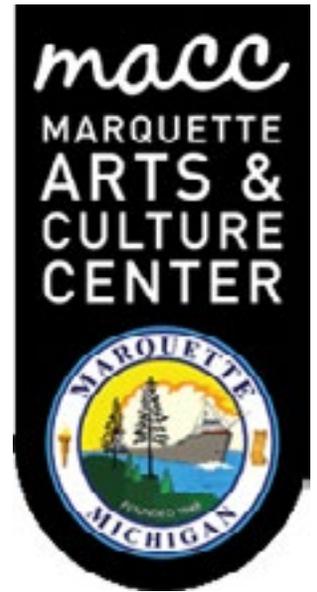
The City of Marquette welcomes citizens to anonymously nominate deserving members of the community to be considered for the 2014 Annual Arts Awards. The Marquette Arts and Culture Center offers these awards to recognize and thank citizens who have demonstrated artistic excellence and/or have made significant contributions to awareness of arts in our community.



Nominations for the 18th Annual Art Awards are being accepted for the following categories: Arts Volunteer, Outstanding Arts Activist, Outstanding Arts Educator, Youth Award, Outstanding Visual Artist, Outstanding Performing Artist, Special Recognition, Art Business Honor Roll, and Outstanding Writer.

Nomination forms and criteria may be picked up at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level

of the Peter White Public Library or downloaded from [www.mqtcty.org/arts.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/arts.html). Nominations will be accepted until March 10, 2014. The award recipients will be honored in a public ceremony in May.



## City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Workshop Calendar

### Musikgarten with Corrine Rockow

Fridays, 10-11 a.m.

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. Ages 2-6.

### 100Day Project Support Meetings

Wednesday, March 19, 6-8 p.m. and

Saturday, April 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sharing the surprises, gifts, insights and stressors of the 100Day Project!

### Make a Mess Art Class with Wendy Johnson

First and Third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m.

\$5 drop-in, pre-registration encouraged

### Nature Drawing with Jason Limberg

Sundays in March, 12-3 p.m. (no class March 30)

\$50 city resident, \$55 non-city

Students will meet at the Pavilion and should bring paper, pencils, and a ballpoint pen.

### Needle Felting for Beginners with Christy Binoniemi

Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m.-Noon

\$20 city resident, \$25 non-city, lab fee \$20

Ages 14 and up.

### Needle Felting for the Advanced with Christy Binoniemi

Saturday, March 15, 1-4 p.m.

\$20 city resident, \$25 non-city, lab fee \$20

Intermediate and advanced felters.

### Japanese Tradition & Art for Teens with Tomoko Inoue

Wednesdays in March, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

FREE

Teens 6-12th grade.

Teens will enrich their understanding of the world. In this four-week series, students will learn intermediate-level Japanese

words, phrases and culture. How to eat with chopsticks, how to write their name in calligraphy, and how to create origami will be explored.

### Senior Arts

1-3 p.m.

March 4 and 18, Drawing Faces

April 1 and 15, Origami with Judy Sarosik

Each month a new professional artist will lead the group.

Funded by the Reynolds Foundation and the City of Marquette Senior Center. Participants MUST pre-register for this FREE class at the Senior Center at (906) 228-0456.

### Senior Dancing with April Nyquist and Don Ohman

Wednesdays, March 5 & 19, 2-3 p.m.

Wednesdays, April 9 & 23, 2-3 p.m.

No experience or partner necessary!

Location: Community Room of the Peter White Public Library.

### Intermediate Acrylics with Gene Bertram

Saturdays, April 5 - May 10, Noon-3 p.m.

\$75 city resident, \$80 non-city, lab fee \$25

Intended for experienced acrylic painters.

### Learning about the World Around Us: Japan with Tomoko Inoue

Saturday, April 12, 1-3 p.m.

Free for kids and teens, \$5 for adults

Join this workshop for a fun-filled afternoon of Japanese tradition and art. Come and learn the arts of Japan featuring origami and Japanese calligraphy.

### Introduction to Music Reading with June Ackroyd

Tuesdays, April 22 - May 27, 6-7 p.m.

\$40 city resident, \$45 non-city, lab fee \$5

This class will review the elements of music—rhythm, pitch, tone color, and dynamics—and show students how the elements are notated in the musical score. The course will incorporate rhythm games of Emile Jaques-Dalcroze; students will read, write, improvise, and perform music.

# Lakeshore Boulevard Relocation and Shoreline Restoration

The Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP), in cooperation with the City of Marquette received grant funding to conduct a preliminary engineering study to formulate alternatives for shoreline improvements along the Lakeshore Boulevard stone revetment section, currently subject to road flooding and ice build-up in the winter.

The need for the Lakeshore Boulevard project was first identified in the City of Marquette adopted Community Master Plan (2004). Utilizing this plan as a starting point, the main goal of the project is to analyze alternatives and finalize engineering design for the shoreline and road relocation.

Five conceptual alternatives were formulated and shared with the community, and a preference survey was conducted this past summer to assist with the development of a preferred alternative. The community input was part of an equation that considered the sensitivity of the site, natural science, public safety, cost versus ability to fund and grant obligations.

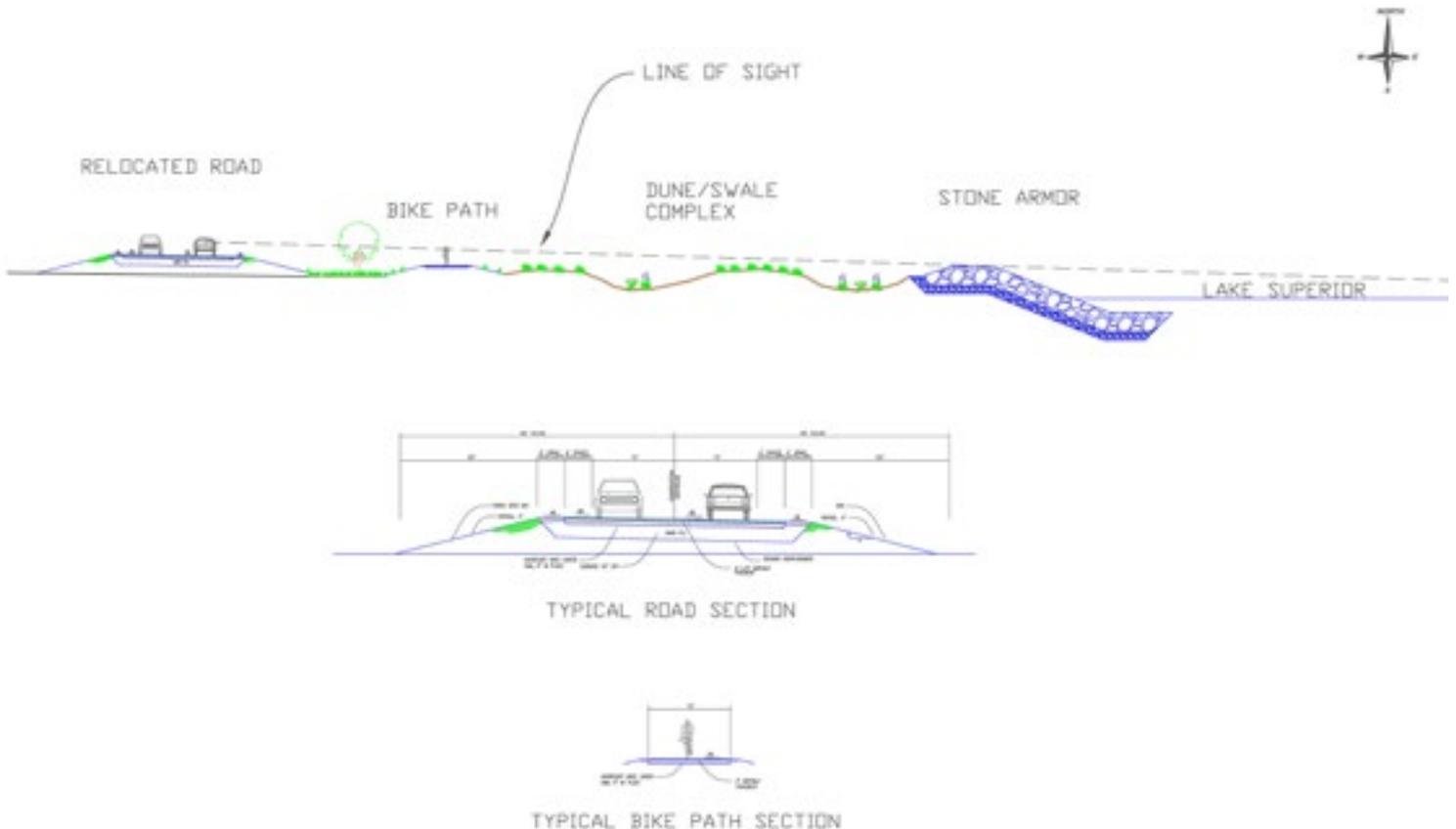
Based upon the above considerations, the Engineering Division of the Community Development Department drafted the recommended alternative found in the images below and on page 11.

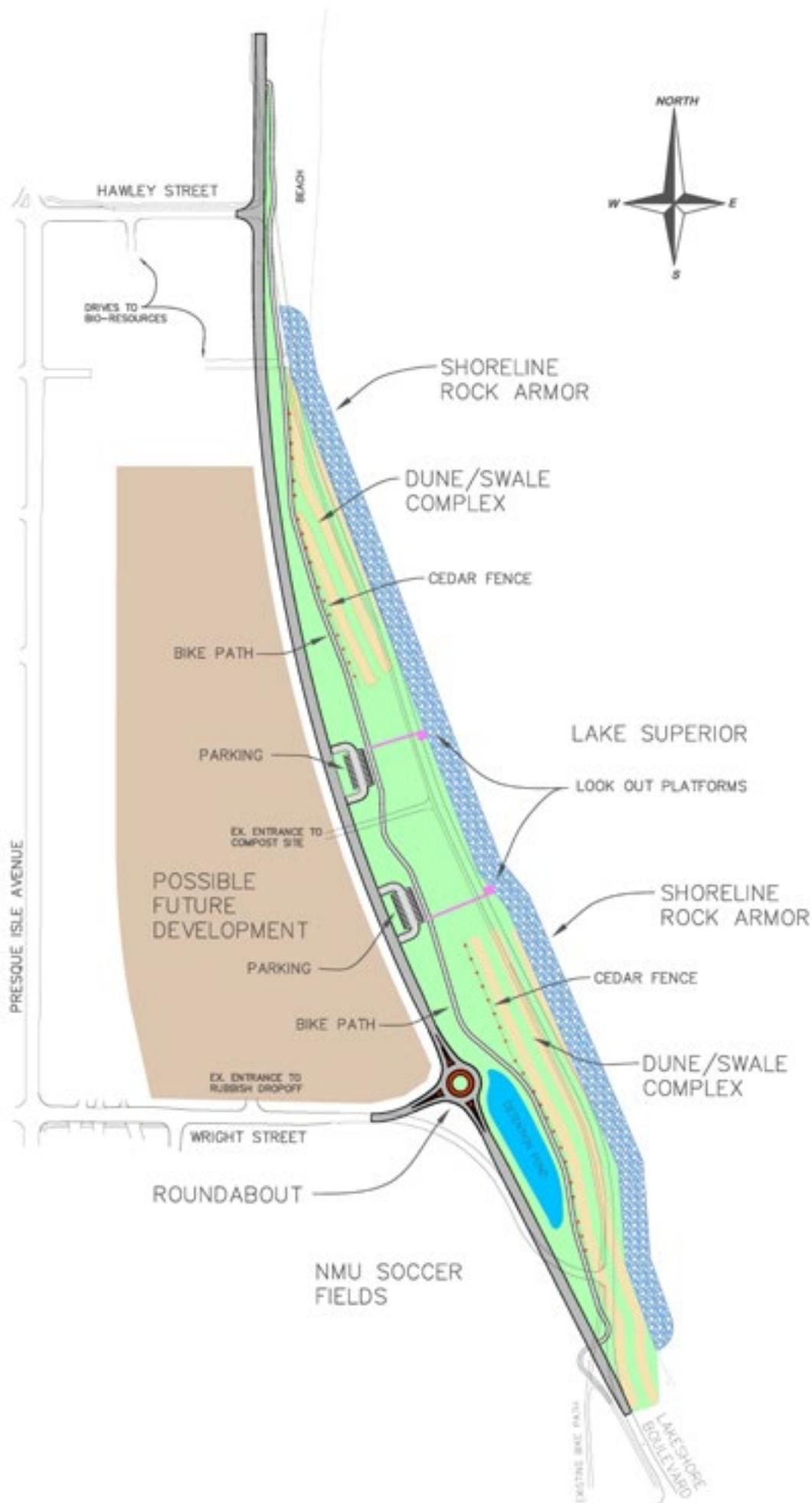
This alternative provides for a direct line of sight to the lake from a relocated and elevated Lakeshore Boulevard, natural restoration of the landward area through a series of dune and swale complexes that will be restored with native plant species, a multi-use pathway, public parking areas, public viewing platforms and a re-engineered stone revetment that is lower and more aesthetically pleasing.

This alternative was presented to the community at a public meeting on Feb. 25 and was well received.

The next steps for this project will include the hiring of a coastal engineering consultant to provide oversight for the final design, which will be completed and presented to the Marquette City Commission and State of Michigan by September of this year. Once the plans have been formally accepted by both bodies, the City will aggressively seek multiple funding opportunities in an attempt to make this vision become a reality for the citizens of Marquette.

For more details on the project, including the full community presentation that includes a summary of the survey, as well as projected cost analysis for all alternatives, please visit: [www.mqtcty.org/lakeshore.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/lakeshore.html).





## The Great Grant Season of 2013

The Community Services Department is comprised of three divisions: Parks and Recreation, Arts and Culture and Senior Services. The Department's goal is always to provide the community with high quality recreational and cultural facilities, programs and services that create a desirable place to live. The outcome is a community that has been recognized as one of "America's Most Livable Communities," a "Cool City," a "Bicycle Friendly Community," and an "All American City."

Community Services staff work hard with the community to plan, both for current operations and future improvements. Some of the plans include: Parks and Recreation Five Year Master Plan, the Tourist Park Land Use Plan, the Presque Isle Park Playground Plan, the Senior Center Study, the AECOM Presque Isle Marina Plan, and currently underway is the Arts and Culture Master Plan.

These plans take into account community opinion through open forums, public meetings and surveys and act as a decision-making road map for the City and department. One benefit of all of this planning is identifying and supporting state and federal grant opportunities. Community planning makes grant applications much more efficient and viable.

In the last year the City was awarded four major grants to support Community Services projects. These include a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Acquisition Grant for Clark Park, a MNRTF Development Grant for three permanent park restrooms, a Land and Water Conservation (LWC) Grant to extend the bike path and a Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Grant for programming.

The MNRTF Acquisition Grant is a \$1.4 million state grant that puts 9.3 acres of land with 1,500 feet of Lake Superior Shoreline and 500 feet of Dead River frontage into park inventory for public recreation. This property lies on both sides of Lakeshore Boulevard north of Hawley Street to the mouth of the Dead River. The plan calls for future facilities on the Lake Superior beach and access to the Dead River.

The MNRTF Development Grant is a \$300,000 state grant that will allow the City to build universally accessible permanent restroom facilities at Presque Isle, Williams and Harlow Parks. All of these projects were identified in the Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan as high priorities.

The LWC Grant is \$100,000 of federal funding to extend the City's 18 miles of multi-use pathway along Hawley Street fronting Kaufman Sports Complex providing connectivity to the Dead River bridge. This project was a high priority in the master plan and improves non-motorized travel options within the City.

The MCACA grant totaled \$17,000 for the Marquette Arts and Culture Center. These funds will be used for general program support, including professional contracts with artists, materials and supplies and printing and publishing needs for the various programs put on at the Center.

Community Services staff is very excited about the projects that have been made possible through these grant opportunities and from all of the hard work that has gone into planning. We look forward to continuing to serve the community!



## AARP E-Filing Tax

### Assistance Available

If you are over the age of 60 and need to file 2013 state and federal income taxes, as well as the Homestead Property Tax Credit and/or the Home Heating Credit, AARP volunteers will be available (by appointment) at the Marquette Senior Center again in March. Appointments can be made for Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the month, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Please bring the following items and/or related information with you to your appointment:

- A copy of your completed 2013 tax return (if AARP filed for you last year)
- Social Security card
- 1099-R form – retirement or annuity
- W-2 form – work
- Unemployment compensation statement
- SSA 1099 – Social Security – or if railroad retirement bring statement
- Miscellaneous income
- All 1099 forms
- Interest PAID to you
- Dividends
- Stocks – if sold, need to know the ORIGINAL purchase price
- All forms showing federal income tax withheld (only if itemizing)
- All receipts or cancelled checks
- Heating bills
- How much rent paid – and to whom
- Property taxes
- Bank information (routine information) for refund

Returns AARP can NOT do:

- Rental income
- Farm credits
- Business – except for CEZ form
- Very complicated stocks

Appointments are required and can be made by calling the Marquette Senior Center at (906) 228-0456.

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