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# Marquette Matters

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## Commission Visits Representative Kivela



109th District Representative John Kivela (pictured left) recently welcomed Marquette into his office at the House Office Building in Lansing. The model of Marquette's Lower Harbor Ore Dock serves as a unique reminder of our history and heritage. There is a long-standing tradition of providing elected leaders with items that can be used to promote their home districts with other legislators. The Marquette delegation, led by Mayor DePetro and Mayor Pro Tem Niemi, and including Commissioners

Stonehouse and Cambensy, were proud to choose the model as a symbol of Marquette—Representative Kivela's hometown. The souvenir seen in the photo was generously provided by Marquette native, Gary Kropp.

## Bill's Blog...

Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager (pictured right), shares his comments on the health of our City in "Bill's Blog." The City Manager is the chief administrator for the City government. Vajda welcomes comments from the community at 906-225-8102 or [manager@mqctcy.org](mailto:manager@mqctcy.org).



"To Plant a Garden is to Believe in the Future" --- anonymous

Spring has arrived – vague, chaotic, and unpredictable – with moments of glorious beauty that will fill times to come. Each season holds special allure, but spring alone holds endless poetry for transformational magic and rejuvenation. For residents and visitors alike, Marquette's springtime wonderfully illustrates why our home is "someplace special" – and why our deep roots never doubt that spring will come.

Some of the first things we have to accomplish will be to clean up after, and close out winter! To that end, I encourage all residents to pay attention to important public service announcements that will be published through local media, and available via the City website and broadcast channels. We have a lot of activities underway regarding spring clean-up activities such as leaf and brush collections, street sweeping, pothole paving, park and playground openings, and many other efforts we're supporting through collaboration with local civic groups. We're hopeful that we've identified all the work that needs to be done, but also ask that if residents are aware of something that we might have missed, that they give us a call so we can review the situation and have it promptly addressed.

Soon the beaches will be open – yay! Swimming, sailing, scuba, surfing - and many other activities on, over, and under the water! Lot's of fun – but also, lots of potential for problems if people are ignorant of the risks, or overestimate their capabilities. To avoid needless tragedy, please be mindful of City water safety efforts and stay informed. Marquette has a variety of guarded and un-guarded beaches; public safety equipment locations, and first-responder capabilities that monitor beach and weather conditions – but only beachgoers are responsible for their own behavior. Please don't put yourself at risk!

There are many events and activities scheduled for this summer, including wonderful standards and new opportunities. The City will continue to work with event coordinators to get detail and schedule information posted, and will hope to share updates as forwarded in a timely manner. It's been said before – if you find yourself bored in Marquette, it's because you are trying to be so! Spring and summer are great times to get out and try new things and it's my sincere hope that you do so!

The business of City government will be very hectic, and we have a lot of work to do. With the adoption of the new City Charter, there are many new activities that need to be accomplished; old activities that need to be accomplished in new ways, and of course, lots of the same old stuff that still needs to get done. We encourage all residents to take the opportunity to provide input by attending meetings, volunteering for boards and committees, watching proceedings on TV or listening to the radio, as well as interacting with staff through social media and other in-person opportunities.

We enjoy chatting and answering questions – and if you want to know more, just come by City Hall, we'll have a pot of coffee on. Or call first; it is springtime, so we might be inspecting the beach!

## Spring Clean-Up Schedules Postponed

Due to the lingering winter weather, the City of Marquette's Public Works Department was required to **postpone** all curbside collections, as well as the opening of the Compost and Household Rubbish sites by two weeks, then again by **another two weeks**.

- As of Saturday, May 11th, the **compost drop-off site** is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The City's compost disposal site is located at the old Cliffs Dow site, accessed from Lakeshore Boulevard.
- As of Saturday, May 11th, the household **rubbish drop-off site** is open on Tuesdays from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
- Household **hazardous waste** collection runs from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Service Center on May 4, June 1, July 20, August 17, September 14, and October 19, of 2013.
- Beginning May 13th through May 17th, the annual spring **brush collection** will take place.
  - May 13 – All streets north of Fair Avenue.
  - May 14 – East Marquette bounded by, and including Front Street on the west, Fair Avenue on the north, and Baraga Avenue on the south.
  - May 15 – The area west of Front Street and north of U.S. 41 Bypass bounded by, and including Fair Avenue on the north, Seventh Street on the west.
  - May 16 – All streets south of U.S. 41 Bypass.
  - May 17 – The area west of Seventh Street and north of U.S. 41 Bypass bounded by, and including, Fair Avenue on the north.
- Beginning May 20<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, the annual spring **compost collection** will take place.
  - May 20 – Area bounded by Tracy and Sugarloaf on the west and lying north of Fair.
  - May 21 – Area bounded by and including E. Fair on the north, E. Hewitt on the south, and N. Front on the west.
  - May 22 – Area west of N. Front bounded by and including E. Baraga on the south and Front on the west.
  - May 23 – Area south of E. Hewitt bounded by and including E. Baraga on the south, and Front on the west.
  - May 24 – Area south of W. Hewitt, north of U.S. 41 Bypass, west of Front and bounded by and including Seventh on the west.
  - May 28 – Area south of U.S. 41 Bypass, bounded by, and including Hampton on the south.
  - May 28 – Area south of Hampton.
  - May 29 – Area north of U.S. 41 Bypass, west of Seventh, bounded by and including Cleveland on the north.
  - May 30 – Area north of Cleveland west of N. Seventh, bounded by and including W. Fair on the north.
  - May 31 – Area north of W. Fair and west of NMU campus.



For more information, visit our website at [www.mqtcty.org/pworks\\_cleanup.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/pworks_cleanup.html) or call the Department of Public Works at 906-228-0444.

## Coming September 2014!

The Michigan Municipal League has selected Marquette to host its 2014 Annual Convention. This selection means that upward of 500 Michigan mayors, managers, and locally elected officials will descend to Marquette for the Convention September 16-19, 2014. The last time Marquette hosted the League Convention was in 2006. The City also hosted it in 1993 and 1989.

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## Clerk Announces 2013 Elections

Elections are conducted annually in the City of Marquette for City Elective Offices (City Commission and the Board of Light and Power) as well as Marquette Area Public Schools (MAPS).



There are two City Commission seats up for election this year and one seat open on the Marquette Board of Light and Power. This is an off-year election so we won't see the same level of activity as last year. Unless major issues arise there will likely be a light voter turnout.

The City Charter calls for nominating petitions to be filed for open seats on both the City Commission and the Marquette Board of Light and Power (MBLP). Anyone interested in running for any of these offices can obtain nominating petitions at the City Clerk's Office. Nominating petitions must be filed with the Clerk's Office in City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

For City elective offices there will only be a primary election in August if there are more than two candidates per available seat as prescribed by the City Charter. For more 2013 election information, please visit the City's website at [http://www.mqtcty.org/clerk\\_elections.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/clerk_elections.html).

## Considering Running for Public Office?

Here is what you need to know!

Qualifications are stated in Chapter Six of the City Charter and are listed below:

- I am a qualified and registered elector (registered voter) of the City of Marquette.
- That by the Monday following the next regular Election, I will not have served six or more consecutive years as an elective officer of the City unless at least two years has elapsed between the termination of such membership and the Monday following such election.
- That I am not in default to the City.

In order for your name to appear on the ballot as a candidate for a City Office the following items must be completed and submitted by the prospective candidate:

- Nominating petitions or a non-refundable filing fee must be filed with the City Clerk's Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2013. Note: Informational packets are available at the City Clerk's Office that provide detailed information for prospective candidates. Nominating petitions for each candidate must be signed by not fewer than 25 nor more than 50 qualified electors (residents of the City who are registered voters).

Qualified residents of the City of Marquette are encouraged to consider running for Office either as a City Commissioner or a member of the Marquette Board of Light and Power.

## Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 10th Annual Meeting and Conference

The City of Marquette in cooperation with the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative is set to host the 10th Anniversary meeting and conference of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (CLSLCI) in downtown Marquette, June 19-21, 2013.

The conference brings together roughly 200 Great Lakes leaders working cooperatively to advance the Great Lakes region—economically, socially, and environmentally. This group includes several U.S. and Canadian mayors, among others.

The theme for the 2013 conference is "Great Watersheds—Superior Experiences" and will feature sustainable development, Great Lakes tourism, economic opportunity and other related issues. For more information, please visit [www.marquette2013.com](http://www.marquette2013.com)



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### Marquette City Commission



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### City Commission Meetings

The Commission usually meets the second and last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 300 West Baraga Avenue, unless noted otherwise. Citizens are invited to attend.

#### Budget Sessions:

**Tuesday, April 30, 2013, at 8:00 a.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

**Thursday, May 2, 2013, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

#### Regular Meetings:

**Monday, May 13, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

**Tuesday\*, May 28, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

**Monday, June 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

**Monday, June 24, 2013, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

\*Tuesday due to Monday falling on a legal holiday.  
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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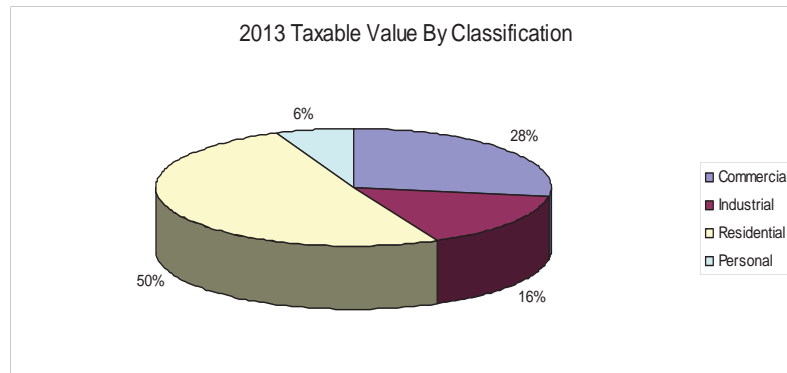
## Residential Reappraisal Continues in 2013

The City of Marquette Assessing Office will begin their annual reappraisal in May 2013. The first neighborhood scheduled will be #7, east side. There are 668 parcels to visit in this neighborhood and it is anticipated to be finished in August 2013, after which two other neighborhoods will be completed. Letters are sent to all affected property owners notifying them of the reappraisal, as well as a questionnaire for them to complete regarding their property.

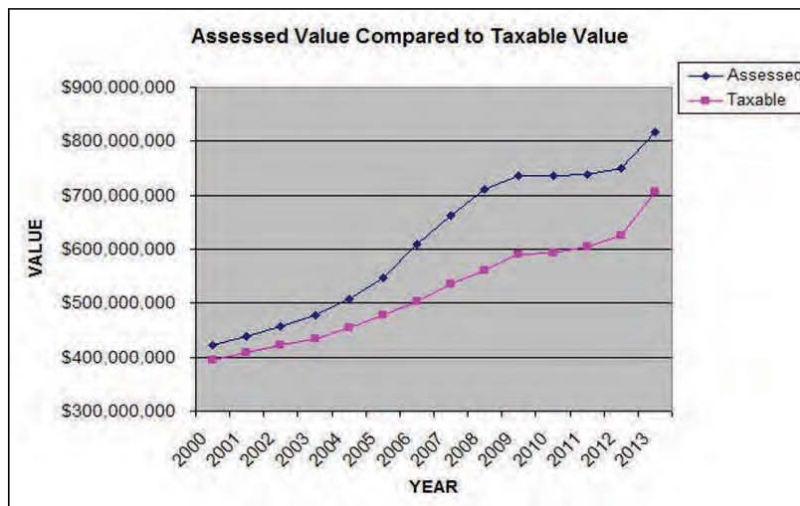
The East Side neighborhood is described as: Parcels bounded north of Arch Street, east of Front Street, south of Fair Avenue, and west of Lakeshore Boulevard, excluding that portion which is considered to be the historic neighborhood, #33.

The 2013 (tentative) values set by the March Board of Review and by the Marquette County Equalization Department are shown in the table below. The next step is for the State Tax Commission to finalize the values as of May 28, 2013.

2013 Tentative Assessed and Taxable Values		
	Assessed Value	Taxable Value
Commercial	\$ 219,296,200	\$ 194,945,759
Industrial	\$ 110,068,400	\$ 109,858,753
Residential	\$ 441,605,900	\$ 356,303,019
Personal	\$ 44,881,000	\$ 44,881,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 815,851,500</b>	<b>\$ 705,988,531</b>



Shown below is the comparison between the assessed and taxable property values since 2000. Assessed value is 50% of the estimated true cash value of a property. The taxable value is what you pay taxes on. Since 1995, when Proposal A went into effect, the taxable value is increased annually by the rate of inflation, or 5%, whichever is less, unless a structural change occurred with the property or the property was transferred from one person to another.



For questions regarding the above information and/or diagrams, please contact City Assessor Susan Bovan at 225-8378, or Appraiser Ellen Britton at 225-8379.

### Did you know?

The City of Marquette has several departments on Facebook. New to the social media site is the Marquette Police Department. Like their page to stay up-to-date with the day-to-day happenings of your local police department.

## Curious About How to Serve Your Community?

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

- **Housing Commission**—One Opening
- **Local Officers Compensation Commission**—Three Openings
- **Planning Commission**—Two Openings
- **Regional Recreation Authority Business Plan Ad-Hoc Committee**—One Alternate Opening
- **Sister City Advisory Committee**—Three Openings
- **Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee**—One Opening

Biannually, the City Manager along with the City Clerk and City Attorney, host *New Committee Member Orientation* to give volunteer committee members an overview of City government, parliamentary procedure, policies, and other general information about serving. The next session of orientation will be held on September 10, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at City Hall. Members are asked to sign up ahead of time at the City Manager's office.

## Marquette Police to Hold Annual Bicycle Auction

The Marquette Police will hold their annual sealed bid auction featuring unclaimed bicycles and other miscellaneous lost and found items. Viewing and bidding will be held on May 29, 2013 between 12:00-6:00 p.m. Viewing and bidding will be held in the Cold Storage building located behind the Municipal Service Center at 850 W. Baraga Avenue. Follow the orange cones to the building. The winning bidders will be notified by phone and the items can be picked up on Wednesday, June 5th, between 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. Payment is by cash or check only. For additional information or questions please call 228-0400.

## City Offices to Close for Memorial Day

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Avenue; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Avenue; the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front Street (Peter White Public Library); and the Municipal Service Center, 850 W. Baraga Avenue, will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. The Fire and Police Departments will remain open and staffed during this time.

## Summer Hours at City Hall

Summer operating hours will begin Tuesday, May 28, 2013. City Hall offices will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from May 28 until August 30, 2013. 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).



## Favorite Blueberry Festival Poster—Vote Now!

Residents of all ages and skill levels have submitted original artwork for the 2013 Blueberry Festival Poster Contest. The public is invited to participate in selecting the winning poster by voting on their favorite entry. Cast your vote online at [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org) anytime between Monday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 29. You may also cast your vote in person at Marquette City Hall, 300 West Baraga Avenue, where all entries will be on display. The selected poster design will be reproduced as a full-color, limited edition 10 x 13 inch poster. In exchange for the rights to the selected artwork, the winner will receive \$150 in gift certificates from downtown businesses and 10 posters. The winning poster will debut prior to the festival, which is scheduled for Friday, July 26.



## Blueberry Festival Vendor and Business Registration

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority is pleased to announce that plans are underway for the annual Downtown Marquette Blueberry Festival, slated for Friday, July 26, 2013. Food vendors, artists and crafters, and non-profit organizations are invited to register for a booth space during the festival, which will run from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. There is a \$50.00 registration fee to participate as a vendor. Registration forms for downtown district businesses and vendors are available at the Downtown Development Authority, 203 South Front Street, Suite 1-B, Marquette, or online at [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org). The deadline for registration is Thursday, June 20.

Once again, the Blueberry Festival will feature a combination of traditional sidewalk sales, artists and crafters, food vendors, family activities, and live musical acts set in the streets of Downtown Marquette. The popular Blueberry Festival Youth Talent Show sponsored by the Lake Superior Youth Theatre will also return to complement the festivities. For more information, contact the DDA office at (906) 228-9475 or email Emily Lanctot at [Emily@downtownmarquette.org](mailto:Emily@downtownmarquette.org).

## Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Season to Open

The grand opening of the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market will be on Saturday, May 25th. This year's market sees the return of many favorite vendors, as well as a few new additions. Speaking of new additions, the Marquette Downtown Development Authority is pleased to introduce Briana (Bri) Larson as the Market Manager. She has some great ideas for the upcoming season. "I am proud to be part of a community that supports this diverse and vibrant market. It has been really great to see so many farmers and artisans grow their businesses over the years, and I can't wait to see what our vendors are bringing to market this year. I hope it's a great season for everyone and am definitely looking forward to getting started," said Larson. As always, shoppers visiting the market will find a great selection of local artwork, baked goods, flowers and live plants, and of course, the first of the season's fresh produce harvest from local farms. For the market's grand opening day, Jenn Copeman will be providing live music from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



Pictured Above: Larson

The 2013 season will be the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market's second year participating in the Double Up Food Bucks program (DUFb), made possible by a grant from the Fair Food Network. The Fair Food Network is "a national nonprofit that works at the intersection of food systems, sustainability and social equity to guarantee access to healthy, fresh and sustainably grown food, especially in underserved communities." Under Double Up Food Bucks, families who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits are given the means to purchase more Michigan-grown fruits and vegetables at farmers markets while supporting local food growers and the local food economy. How? Each time a SNAP recipient runs a Bridge Card at market, he or she receives double the amount of money. In other words, if a Bridge Card is swiped for \$10, our grant funding enables us to give out \$20. This extra money can only be used for fresh, Michigan grown produce sold at the market, which frees up the original Bridge Card allocation for other groceries found at the market, such as meat and bread. This year's grant award is bringing \$9,000 into our community, putting some extra money in the pockets of local farmers and healthy food on the tables of local families.

The market will be held every Saturday rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., through October 26th. Bridge Card, Market FRESH, Project FRESH, credit, and debit cards are all accepted. The Double Up Food Bucks program will begin on July 1. For more information about DUFb or any questions about the market, you may call Market Manager Briana Larson at 362-3276, or email [marketmanager@mqtfarmersmarket.com](mailto:marketmanager@mqtfarmersmarket.com). The market's website, [mqtfarmersmarket.com](http://mqtfarmersmarket.com), will have updates on programs and events throughout the season.

## MHPN Annual Conference

Each spring, the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) sponsors the state's largest annual statewide preservation conference to provide training and networking opportunities geared to both beginners and seasoned preservationists. In addition to offering sessions crammed with the latest news and information from around the state, the conference is known for its keynote speakers, festive evening activities, and annual auction of Michigan items ranging from overnights at historic bed-and-breakfasts, to antiques, books, and gourmet delights. Among the many features of the gathering is the Vendor's Showcase, which provides an opportunity for the general public to view the latest products and services in the preservation industry. The 2013 Conference – Ingredients of Place, will be held in Marquette May 8-11, 2013. For more information, visit [www.mhpn.org](http://www.mhpn.org).



The Michigan Historic Preservation Network presents  
the Thirty-Third Annual Statewide Preservation Conference  
on the campus of Northern Michigan University

## Ingredients of Place

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## Local Musicians Play Street-side During Music on Third

An eclectic blend of local musicians will play along the sidewalks of Third Street on Thursday, June 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as part of a summer series titled *Music on Third*. Held the third Thursday of the month in June, July and August, *Music on Third* brings the community out onto the summer streets of Marquette's Downtown District to enjoy fresh, local music and more than 100 unique shops and restaurants that line Third Street. For more information, contact the DDA office at 228-9475, or email Emily at [Emily@downtownmarquette.org](mailto:Emily@downtownmarquette.org).



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## MI Big Green Gym—Community Challenge

Marquette has been chosen by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Michigan Recreation and Parks Association to compete in a community wellness challenge. *MI Big Green Gym* encourages Michigan residents to take advantage of the state's extensive network of quality parks and recreation options. Beginning at the end of April 2013, Grand Traverse County, Kalamazoo and Marquette will be competing in the inaugural *MI Big Green Gym Blues Community Challenge*. Participating community members will form teams and keep track of their cumulative physical activity during an eight-week competition by logging minutes or miles of exercise.



The challenge officially begins April 27, 2013, and ends June 22, 2013. City of Marquette and neighboring residents are welcome to participate regardless of age or abilities. Participants are required to track their personal exercise totals on the official website, [www.walkingworks.com](http://www.walkingworks.com). The totals will be calculated in miles and ranked based on each community's total miles. Upon completion of the challenge, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will award grants to all three participating communities, with the largest grant being awarded to the community with the most active participants, as determined by logged miles. The grants will be used to support public health and wellness investments in the communities. Awards are as follows:

1st place	\$10,000
2nd place	\$8,000
3rd place	\$6,000

If you have any questions regarding the challenge, please contact Jane Palmer (225-8564 or [jpalm@mqctcy.org](mailto:jpalm@mqctcy.org)) in the Senior Center or Jon Swenson at the Lakeview Arena Parks and Recreation office (225-8593 or [jswenson@mqctcy.org](mailto:jswenson@mqctcy.org)).

Start moving – and start logging today!

## Motorists, Be Sure to Share the Road!

In 2013, Bike to Work Week is May 13-17 and Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 17. As part of National Bike Month which started in 1956, Bike to Work Day is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride. Whether you bike to work or school; to save money or time; to preserve your health or the environment; to explore your community or get to your destination, now is the time to get your bike ready for the road and involved. Join other community members and bike to work.



Biking is not only for recreation, but it is a pleasant way to get to all of the places you need to go. Enjoy free parking at one of our many blue bike racks throughout Downtown Marquette.

Where will the ride take you?

## Kick it Down to Two Wheel Drive

Did you know Marquette was designated a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists in April 2010?

With spring *finally* in the air, it's time to hit the beautiful trails of Marquette. Discover Marquette's best non-motorized trails on the go with your iPhone. The *Marquette Trails* app will guide you as you explore Marquette—whether you're biking, hiking, or trail running.

Don't have an iPhone? The newly updated 2013 Michigan Trail Directory showcasing the entire state of Michigan's trails is hot off the press. There are limited copies of the directory located outside of the City Manager's office; alternatively if you would like to receive a free Michigan Trail Directory send a self addressed, stamped (.66 or two first class stamps) business envelope (#10) to MTGA Trail Map, PO Box 27187, Lansing, MI 48909. For more information about the directory, visit [www.MichiganTrails.org](http://www.MichiganTrails.org).

Marquette is proud to welcome back the *Bike Jam* June 28-30, 2013. This three day event offers bike races for all ages and experience levels, and commences on Friday night with a criterium race—the Speed Jam, in the heart of our downtown district. For details on this event, please visit [mqtbikejam.com](http://mqtbikejam.com).

Cyclists ride safely! Three rules to remember on your bike—always ride with traffic, never against traffic.; always use a front and rear light or reflector; and be sure to always wear a helmet!



## Kids Bike Rodeo

This year's Bike Rodeo will be held on Friday, June 7th, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., at the Marquette Commons, 112 South Third Street. Free youth size bike helmets will be distributed to the first 250 kids (child must be present) courtesy of the Kohl's Heads U.P. on Safety program. The event will offer bike safety and fit checks, bike licensing, safety presentations, and an obstacle course. The Bike Rodeo is sponsored by Kohl's Cares, the Downtown Development Authority, Jilbert Dairy, Marquette Food Coop, Lakeshore Bike Shop, Sport's Rack, Downwind Sports, Quick Stop Bike, Marquette General Women's and Children's Center, and the Marquette Police Department. For more information, please call the Marquette General Women's and Children's Center at 225-3081.



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## 17th Annual Arts Awards in Conjunction with the LSAA Member Show Upcoming

Celebrate the arts! Take the opportunity to honor outstanding individuals in our community. Join us for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Awards Ceremony at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center on Friday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a celebratory reception before the Arts Awards Ceremony in the lower level gallery of the Peter White Public Library from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Lake Superior Art Association's (LSAA) annual Member Show.

The Outstanding Arts Educator award will go to Mark Flaherty, jazz instructor at Northern Michigan University, who was nominated by colleges and students that admire his enthusiastic teaching technique and, his go-the-extra-mile attitude. James McCommons, English professor at NMU, will receive the Outstanding Writer award in appreciation of his thorough research techniques when writing one of his many published works. The Outstanding Performing Artist award will go to Kirsten Gustafson, a gifted jazz vocalist who performs with different groups in the Marquette Area. Cindy Engle will accept the award for Arts Volunteer after creating a website that provides a resource for musicians and fans about upcoming music events. The Arts Activist award is going to Stan Wright, Program and Music Director as well as Operations Manager at Public Radio 90, for consistently promoting arts groups and music in the community. Ore Dock Brewing Co. will be honored with the Arts Business award for opening their doors to all varieties and ages of fine art and music. Tom Buchkoe won the award for Outstanding Visual Artist because of his extensive photography and business. Carl Mayer will accept the Special Recognition award for his continued excitement and teachings in the arts community. The Outstanding Community Impact Award will go to the Doug Garrison Show for the promotion and recognition of arts in the area. The Outstanding Youth Award will go to Gretchen McKenzie (pictured right), who was nominated multiple times, for her inspiring talent and success in music.



Pictured: Gretchen McKenzie

The same evening, there will be a reception for LSAA's annual member show, and the debut of the artwork made in workshops offered by the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, and the Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba. The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center and the Bonifas Arts Center will showcase student work created within the last year during classes and workshops. During the LSAA reception, this work will be on display in the MACC's reception space. The exhibit offers a sampling of some of the types of art classes that are available locally at community art centers.

## Ceramics Workshop to Return

Back by popular demand, Daniel Jarvis will teach another Ceramics class at the Marquette Arts and Culture Center. This course is appropriate for all skill levels. Students will create a singularly unique art object. Students will be taught techniques inspired by both Italian millefiori glass and Japanese nerikomi ceramics. Class will be held at Graveraet School at a cost of \$60 (\$65 for non-city), with a lab fee of \$20 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 7-May 30, for interested attendees ages 16 and up.

## City Band Starts Summer Schedule

The Marquette City Band will be performing once again this year for your enjoyment. Concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays: June 13, June 27, and July 25 at the Presque Isle Band Shell; Saturday, July 13 (location to be determined); and Thursday, August 8, at the Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Hope to see you there!

## Music in the Park Begins Sixth Season

The Marquette Arts and Culture Center is happy to announce that the Friday night "Music in the Park" Presque Isle bandshell local talent performance series will be starting its sixth year on Friday, June 21, 2013. This musical series is run completely by volunteers and is absolutely free to the public. It's a great opportunity to pack a picnic basket and enjoy "Dinner and a Show" or just come as you are and enjoy the beauty of Presque Isle park while experiencing some of the best talent our area has to offer. The bandshell has plenty of benches, lots of room for picnic blankets, a nice public restroom and a nearby ice cream stand for tasty treats. For an up-to-date schedule and more information, please visit <http://upbandshell.com/>.

## May Exhibit

The annual Lake Superior Art Association (LSAA) member show will be on exhibit in the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center for the month of May. This juried show will contain all types of media made by LSAA members. The reception is scheduled on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This reception is the same evening as the Annual Arts Awards ceremony and the public is encouraged to attend.

## First Thursday Series

The Marquette Arts and Culture Center's Concert Series welcomes Gretchen McKenzie on Thursday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the Peter White Public Library's Community Room. McKenzie will perform original songs on ukulele and bass and will be releasing her first album, "Common sNense." Her sound is characterized by a dark folk feel, along with an undercurrent of soul. McKenzie is a locally known bassist who plays folk, jazz and blues-rock in several area bands; she is a graduating senior who was awarded the prestigious North American Tour Scholarship at Berklee College of Music in Boston where she will begin her education this fall.

A donation of \$5.00 is requested at the door to defray the artist's cost.

For more information contact the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library on 217 N. Front Street, call (906) 228-0472, or e-mail [arts-culture@mgctcty.org](mailto:arts-culture@mgctcty.org).

## For Seniors Only!

Acting Workshop—taught by Jeff Spencer, this free workshop is sponsored by the Reynolds Foundation and is for senior citizens only. Participants will be shown techniques on using the body as an instrument for portraying the human spectrum of existence. Also taught are exercises used by professional actors for relaxing the body, improvisational games for focusing the mind, breathing and posture exercises and script work. This class will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays: April 23, May 14, and 28. Please call ahead to reserve your spot.

Arts Workshop—First and Third Tuesdays beginning in May, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Professional artists instruct participants in this new program for seniors. May's featured artist will be Janey Joffe who will demonstrate how to make Mosaic Garden Spheres. Dress for a mess! *Senior Arts* is generously funded by the Reynolds Foundation. All workshops are held at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center. No need to sign up ahead for this workshop.

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