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## Seasonal Drop-Off Sites Opening

As of Monday, May 5, the City's compost drop-off site is open for the season. The site is regularly open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The site will be closed Saturday, May 24 and Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day holiday. The compost drop-off site is located off of Lakeshore Boulevard between Hawley and Wright Streets (the old Cliffs Dow site). Non-residents who own property in the City must bring a driver's license and current water bill for the property showing payment of the garbage fee that supports this facility. City of Marquette residents may bring their yard waste, grass clippings, garden debris, etc. There is no limit on the amount which will be accepted. Residents also may drop off one pickup load of brush per day (a pile approximately 12'L x 6'W x 5'H). This drop-off site is not available to commercial haulers.

The household rubbish drop-off site, located off of Wright Street between Presque Isle Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard, will open Saturday, May 3 for the season with hours of operation from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The regular schedule for the household rubbish drop-off site will be every Tuesday, 3 to 7 p.m. and the second



Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The drop-off site is limited to toys, tools, furniture, appliances (must be tagged Freon free), old clothing, shoes, books, drapes, carpets, decorations, (remodeling waste less than one pickup truck load per day) and other minor household items. No shingles are accepted. Appliances accepted ONLY on Saturdays. Electronics are not accepted at this site.

Household hazardous waste collection runs from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Municipal Service Center on May 3, June 7, July 12, August 9, September 13, and October 4, 2014. No latex paint is accepted. For more information on this service, please visit the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's website at [www.mqtcohhw.com](http://www.mqtcohhw.com).

The spring yard waste and brush collection is scheduled to begin Monday, May 19, 2014. The week of May 19 – May 23 will be brush only collection. The weeks of May 27 – June 6 will be leaves, grass clippings and garden debris only. For a detailed schedule, please refer to page 12.

For more information and neighborhood maps, visit the City's website at [www.mqtcty.org/pworks\\_cleanup.php](http://www.mqtcty.org/pworks_cleanup.php) or call the Department of Public Works at 906-228-0444.

## Recycling Changes to be Implemented

The City of Marquette will soon have a new recycling program. The program will begin on May 11. Read more on page 7!

## Campground Opening Delayed

Due to the lingering winter weather, the City of Marquette's Tourist Park Campground will not open until May 15, 2014. Any questions can be directed to Community Services-Parks and Recreation at 906-228-0460.

## 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@mqtcty.org](mailto:manager@mqtcty.org).

### So Much to Do!

My mother loved flowers, and always planted purple crocuses in our backyard. As a child, the concept of "perennial" was a mystery; the only thing it meant to me was we could expect to see these hardy little blooms poking up through the snow when the weather warmed up a bit! In 1976, I remember the snow was annual, and flowers were perennial and the USA had a bicentennial! Of course, sunshine is inevitable, and so too, our efforts to renew our beautiful City. We continue to press forward in spite of what we shake off as a winter for the record books.

There are many different activities underway, and many opportunities to participate and serve. Our new Charter requires the City to undertake annual economic development planning, and early efforts are already receiving support from the State. This past December, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law legislation that will permit the creation of a sixth Next Michigan Zone in the central Upper Peninsula, opening the way for business attraction and job growth as well as the improvement of our rails, roads, and seaways. He also cited the cooperation underway between Northern Michigan University, Michigan Technological University, Michigan State University, and the cities of Houghton, Hancock, and Marquette, to extend and create a SmartZone for business incubation and entrepreneurial support. It is hoped that our area experiences even more success as that of our partners – 10 years of business growth, and over 500 new high-paying jobs.

In order to finance these efforts WITHOUT raising taxes, the City will need to organize a local development finance authority (LDFA). These organizations are permitted to establish tax-increment finance zones that capture a portion in the change in value of an area for the purposes of local economic growth and development. (I.E., a SmartZone and Next Michigan Zone). Basically, as economic development succeeds, property becomes more valuable, and a portion of the taxes collected stays in Marquette instead of being sent to the State. A pretty good deal compared to footing the whole tab out of the General Fund!

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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, May 12, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Tuesday, May 27, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, June 9, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, June 30, 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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## City Strategic Planning Kick-Off

Strategic planning is a common process for organizations to engage in to set aspirational goals for the future, foresee initiatives, prioritize projects, and identify the necessary financing so that resources can be focused appropriately.

The implementation of the revised City Charter in January of 2013 provided strong endorsement of public expectations for the governance framework for Marquette. Included within the revision were a number of new requirements, including implementation of a strategic planning process. The strategic planning process was adopted by the City Commission on Aug. 12, 2013. The City Charter requires the strategic plan itself be submitted to the City Commission within one year of the adopted process so that it can be used in preparation of the annual budget for the City.

The adopted process will begin with City Commission work sessions. The meetings will be held in Commission Chambers at City Hall. Citizens are invited to attend. The schedule for the sessions is below:

- Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 8 a.m.**
- Wednesday, May 14, 2014, 8 a.m.**
- Thursday, May 15, 2014, 8 a.m.**
- Monday, May 19, 2014, 5:15 p.m.**

The work sessions are intended to provide an opportunity for the City Commission to review various existing plans, reports and recommendations to be used in drafting the City's first strategic plan. An overview of the background information that will be considered in the plan includes:

- Existing Master Plan objectives
- Economic Development Plan objectives
- Subordinate committee reports
- Staff recommendations

Once all plans, objectives, actions and activities are reviewed, the City Commission will then convene a meeting wherein final deliberations may be conducted, leading up to the endorsement of a Draft Strategic Plan by a vote of the Commission. The Plan will then be communicated to the residents of the City of Marquette through a town hall meeting. The town hall meeting is anticipated to be held in June, but the date has not yet been confirmed at the time of this publication. The public will be given an opportunity to address the City Commission, and will have an opportunity to speak. Subsequent to any final revisions, the City Commission will formally vote on a final plan at the next available regular meeting.

The City Charter requires the strategic plan be reviewed every 24 months, allowing the plan to remain in the forefront of all future planning endeavors. The timeline offers an opportunity for newly elected Commissioners to review current policy positions, as well as to forward their individual priorities early in their term.

## Coming Fall 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 this fall. The dates previously released for September have been changed and confirmed for October 14-17, 2014. The last time Marquette hosted the League Convention was in 2006. The City also hosted the Convention in 1993 and 1989.

## 2014 Election Update



Pictured: City Clerk Dave Bleau

The City Elections Board has verified candidates for elective office for the upcoming August primary election. There are seven candidates for the City Commission and five for the Board of Light and Power.

There will be three open seats up for election for City Commission. Mayor Robert Niemi, Mayor Pro Tem Fred Stonehouse and Commissioner Don Ryan will all

be completing their final terms this November.

Since more than six candidates have filed to run for City Commission, there will be an Aug. 5 primary election to narrow the number of candidates to six. That group will move on to the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

Two seats are open for the Board of Light and Power. Chairman Edward Angeli and Board Member John Sonderegger will be completing their final terms this November. Five candidates will be narrowed to four in the primary election this August.

The City's Election Board met on April 24, 2014 to certify the candidates for City elective offices as follows:

### City Commission

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

### Board of Light and Power

John Braamse  
Dave Carlson  
Jerry Irby  
Thomas Tourville  
Kenneth Wanberg

In preparation for the primary election the Clerk's Office will be processing applications for those who wish to vote by absent voter ballot. Voters on the permanent absent voter list will be mailed an application to vote by mid-June and ballots should be available by late June. The Election Board will meet again in June to appoint Election Inspectors and again in July to conduct mandatory Public Accuracy Testing of the City's electronic election equipment prior to the August primary election. The Clerk's Office will also conduct training for election workers and precinct chairs and vice chairs in July. The last day to register to vote in this election is July 7, 2014. For more 2014 election information and a precinct map, please visit the City Clerk's website at [www.mqtcty.org/clerk.php](http://www.mqtcty.org/clerk.php).

## Summer Hours at City Hall

City Hall offices are open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday until Memorial Day. Beginning Tuesday, May 27, City Hall offices will open at 7:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 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).

## Interested in serving your community?

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

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

## Memorial Day 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 Monday, May 26, 2014, for Memorial Day. The Fire, Police and Public Works and Utilities Departments will remain open and staffed during these times.

## Manager Open Office Hours

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

## Bill's Blog ... Continued from page 3

Success will require many kinds of resources, but more importantly, committed volunteers with business skills, financial savvy, deep altruism and love for the community we serve. Evaluating the potential success of start-up business ideas is challenging under the best of circumstances, and even more so given the requirements of government financial regulations. However, providing a proven framework for leveraging the strengths of the community – and encouraging success through mentoring, networking, and capacity building – will ultimately ensure an agile, supportive, and progressive Marquette capable of attracting talent, capturing ideas, and harnessing their full economic potential.

So where do we go from here? Every time I would ask my mother that question, I would receive simply a warm, knowing smile. She would merely say “You will go wherever you choose to go,” leaving me anxious and tentative – but happily encouraged. The sun will always shine – and the efforts we sow today will always result in the blooms we enjoy tomorrow.

## Marquette Named Award Finalist

The City of Marquette has been named as a finalist for the 2014 All-America City Award. The National Civic League (NCL) created the annual award program in 1949 to recognize outstanding, community-based civic accomplishments. This year's awards are specifically intended to highlight healthy communities, focusing on programs that address issues like walk-ability, biking, fitness, healthy eating and obesity, and disease prevention.

Marquette is the only Michigan municipality among this year's 25 national finalists for the prestigious award. A local delegation has been invited to represent Marquette in Denver during June's 65th annual All-America City Awards competition, wherein the 10 award winners will be determined.

“Though the City of Marquette has been named as a finalist, this process has very much been a team effort,” said Marquette Mayor Robert Niemi. “This successful nomination is the culmination of a lot of hard work by a very dedicated community. We're honored to be a finalist, and deeply believe Marquette is a great All-America City.”

## Safety Tips from the Marquette City Fire Department

With the onset of warmer weather, grilling season, lawn care, and gardening, here are some safety tips for using and storing flammable liquids and gases.

- Never store or use propane gas cylinders larger than one pound inside the home.
- Never operate a propane-powered gas grill inside the home.
- If you smell a strong odor of propane, leave the area immediately and call the Fire Department from outside the home.
- Do not use or store gasoline near possible ignition sources (i.e., electrical devices, oil- or gas-fired appliances, or any other device that contains a pilot flame or a spark).
- Store gasoline outside the home (i.e., in a garage or lawn shed) in a tightly closed metal or plastic container approved by an independent testing laboratory or the local or state fire authorities. Never store gasoline in glass containers or non-reusable plastic containers (i.e., milk jugs).
- Do not smoke when handling gasoline or propane.
- If fire does start while handling gasoline, do not attempt to extinguish the fire or stop the flow of gasoline. Leave the area immediately, and call for help.
- When filling portable fuel tanks at gas pumps, make sure to place container on the ground. Never fill containers while they are in pickup beds or in vehicles. Static sparks can occur.
- Never re-fill gasoline-powered equipment when engine is running or if engine is hot.
- When using liquid fuels such as charcoal starter, use only fluids approved for that purpose. Never use gasoline or other unapproved liquids. Never squirt liquid fuels on already burning coals.
- If the worse happens, and you catch fire; remember – stop, drop, and roll.

## News from the City Assessor

Property inspections (record card review) are required annually by the State Tax Commission (STC). The STC recommends that assessors inspect 20% of properties in their local unit. An inspection would include physical measuring, including improvements such as garages, decks, porches, etc., and a listing of all property elements. Accurate assessments, including accurate record cards are a benefit to the property owner. Many times property information is requested from various parties and this annual inspection ensures that the most current data is available on a property, based on the inspection.

Staff from the Assessing Department is now preparing for the annual inspection of residential properties in the City of Marquette. Property owners are notified in advance, with the opportunity to schedule an interior inspection. They are also requested to complete a questionnaire supplying information on the interior of their property. If a property owner is not at home at the time of the inspection, a door hanger will be left. This will inform the property owner of the site visit.

There are three main neighborhoods scheduled for reappraisal this year. The Clark and Golf Course View neighborhoods are scheduled to be viewed first. The third neighborhood scheduled is the Main Corridor.

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.

# Curbside Recycling Changes

Effective Sunday, May 11, the City of Marquette will implement minor changes to curbside collection of residential recyclables.

Recyclable materials must be divided into two separate streams – fiber materials and rigid materials – which will be collected on alternating weeks at the same time as curbside garbage collection.

Fiber materials include papers, newspapers, magazines, envelopes, books, cardboard materials, paper bags and other similar items. Rigid materials are plastic, metal and glass materials, and include everything from food and drink containers to CD cases and hard plastic toys.

What can't be recycled must be landfilled. The City encourages residents to divert as much as possible from the landfill, through recycling, composting and re-use. Items that can't be recycled curbside include foams, films, photo paper, food- or grease-coated items, bubble envelopes and organic materials.

Additional information about the recycling program can be found on the City's website, [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org), and on the Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's website, [www.mcswma.com](http://www.mcswma.com).

In order to address any questions or concerns related to these changes, the City will host three public forums during the first week of May. City staff will be on-hand to explain the new system and to answer any questions from residents.

The forums are scheduled as follows:

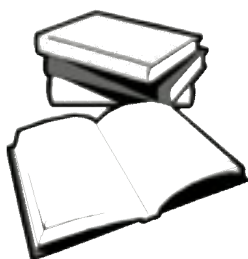
- Monday, May 5 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library's Shiras Room
- Tuesday, May 6 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library's Shiras Room
- Wednesday, May 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Marquette Commons

# RECYCLING

## FIBERS

### Paper + Cardboard

Staples and plastic envelope windows may be included



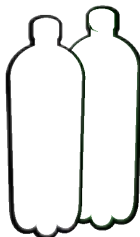
### ALSO

- Corrugated cardboard
- Shoe boxes
- Egg cartons
- Beverage cartons and boxes
- Paper shopping bags
- Office paper
- Folders
- Unsoiled food boxes
- Phone books
- Non-metallic gift wrapping

## RIGIDS

### Plastic + Metal + Glass

Labels can stay, but please empty containers & remove caps



### ALSO

- Soda/condiment containers
- Mouthwash bottles
- Juice bottles
- Milk jugs
- Yogurt and margarine tubs
- Reusable water bottles
- Detergent/shampoo bottles
- Hard plastic toys
- Utensils
- CD and DVD cases

## TRASH

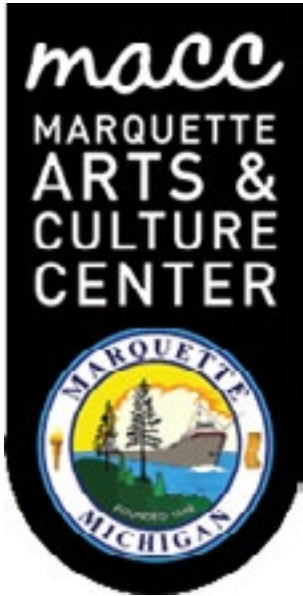
Anything that can't be recycled must be landfilled. The City and the MCSWMA encourage residents to divert as much as possible from the landfill, through recycling, composting and re-use. For instance, plastic bags won't be accepted through the City program, but can be re-used at home or returned to some local stores for recycling. Similarly, many organic materials can be composted rather than thrown in the trash bin.

With this in mind, the following materials are not recyclable through the City program: foams, films (plastic bags, plastic wrap), wax items, food-coated foils, photo paper, bubble-wrapped envelopes, photographs and organic materials.





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



## First Thursday Performance Series

The May series presents: The Derrell Syria Project on Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. The group performs original music along with a large variety of re-arranged cover tunes. Derrell will be on guitar and vocals, Ethan Syria on congas and vocals, Gary Parkkonen on keyboard, Cliff Porter on bass and Tim Clancy on accordion and flute.

This versatile group of musicians performs Reggae, Latin, Blues southern country rock, contemporary, and covers bands such as the Eagles, Neil Yong, Bob Dylan, Bob Marley, Nora Jones, and the Beatles. Light refreshments will be provided.

The June series presents: The Bad Luck Lullabies on Thursday, June 5 at 7p.m. The group performs a mix of Rockabilly, Country and Swing music.

The band was launched by two local musicians, Jesse DeCaire and Jim Bellmore, both on vocals and guitar. Joseph James DeHut joined on drums, Jen Koppin on vocals and Brian Geshel on bass. Their music is influenced by Johnny Cash, Eddie Cochran, Wanda Jackson, Loreta Lynn and Louis Prima.

## May Exhibits

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its May exhibition: The Lake Superior Art Association 38th Annual Members' Show. This show is a collection of mixed medias by members of the Lake Superior Art Association. This juried exhibit celebrates the coming of spring after a long U.P. winter which was spent engrossed in creativity. To recognize the achievements of these artists, prizes will be awarded.

The SmallWorks Gallery highlights art work made by homeschooled children. The children are being supported in their artistic endeavors by artist Renee Michaud of The Nook and Cranny Art Studio located in the Gossard Building in Ishpeming.

The shows will be running from May 6-30, 2014. The artist receptions will be held in conjunction with the Annual Arts Awards held on Friday, May 30, from 6-7 p.m.

## June Exhibits

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its June exhibition: Collections by photographer, Christine Hinz Lenzen. This installation is composed of archived family photographs, wine, found bottles, cheesecloth, wax and wood. Lenzen received her bachelor of fine arts degree from the University of Minnesota and her master of fine arts degree from the University of Notre Dame. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Photography at Northern Michigan University.

The show will be running from June 3-28. There will be an artist reception on Thursday, June 5 at 6-8 p.m.

The SmallWorks Gallery will feature: Essence of Scene and Spirit of Wood by artists Tomoko Hirao and Takayuki Fukuyama. Fukuyama is a Japanese Style Painter who studied at Kyoto Saga University of Arts. Takayuki has been the recipient for several awards including The Ueno Royal Museum Exhibition, Grand Prize. His paintings reflect his desire to honor nature's beauty. She will be traveling here from Shiga, Japan for the artist reception on Thursday June 5, at 6 p.m.



# SUMMER *at the macc* WORKSHOPS

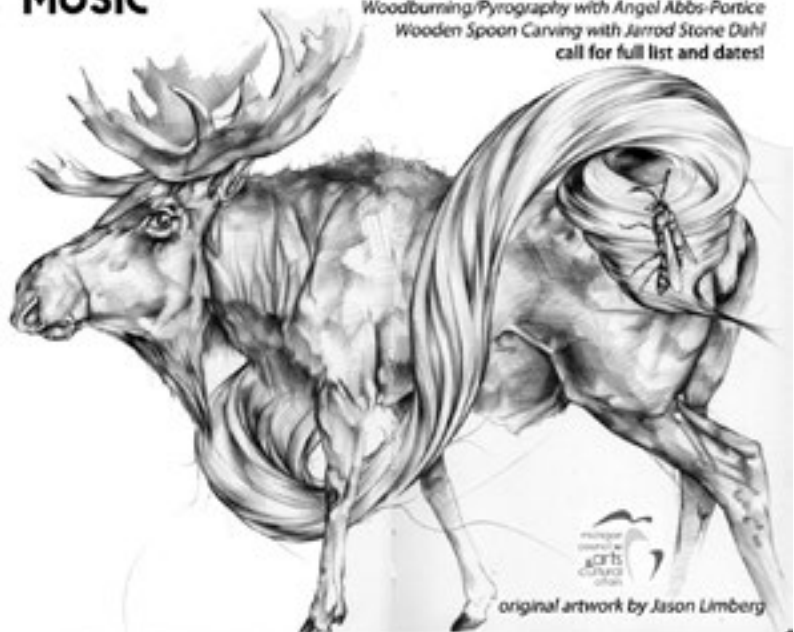
<http://www.mqctcy.org/arts>

906.228.0472 217. N Front St. Lower level of PWPL

## EXHIBITS WORKSHOPS MUSIC

Adult & Youth Workshops  
1 day, 3-5 day intensive workshops

Nature Drawing with Jason Limberg  
Plein Air with Carl Mayer  
Ceramics /Fire Painting with Gene Bertram  
Woodburning/Pyrography with Angel Abbs-Portice  
Wooden Spoon Carving with Jarrod Stone Dahl  
call for full list and dates!





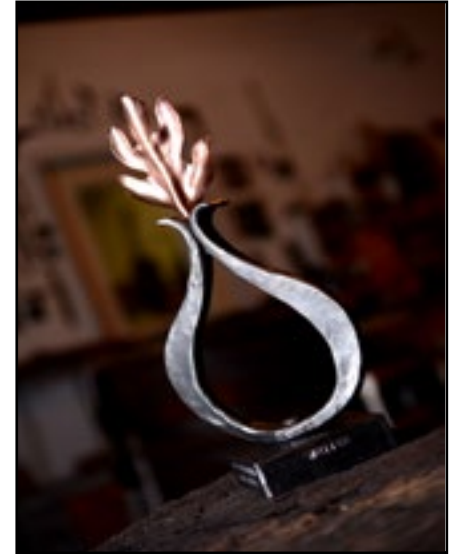
## 18th Annual Arts Awards

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) invites members of the community to celebrate the arts by attending the 18th Annual Arts Awards. Take the opportunity to honor outstanding individuals in our community at the MACC on Friday, May 30 at 7 p.m. Please note that this date has changed from the originally posted date of May 23.

There will be a celebratory reception before the awards ceremony in the lower level gallery of the Peter White Public Library from 6-7 p.m. in conjunction with Lake Superior Art Association's Annual Members' Show, and the SmallWorks Gallery reception.

This year's award recipients are:

- Writer: Russ Thorburn, Upper Peninsula's Poet Laureate
- Youth Award: Milo Birch, 10-year-old original Composer and Pianist
- Visual Artist: Ritch Branstrom, Found-Object Sculptor
- Performing Artist: Eclettico, String Ensemble
- Community Arts Activist: Ann Russ, Ceramicist and co-organizer of the 100dayproject
- Arts Educator: Shane Murray, Creator and director of Music For All Kids (MFAK)
- Arts Volunteer: Susan De Jong, Marquette City Band Board Member
- Special Recognition: Jason Limberg, Instructor and Draftsman
- Community Arts Impact: Grandparents Teach, Too, Non-profit outreach teaching program for grandparents, parents and caregivers of young children
- Arts Business Honor Roll: Zero Degrees Gallery, Art Cooperative and "Art Gives Back" program founders



## 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. For children ages 2-6.

### 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

### Senior Arts

May 6 and 20, 1-3 p.m. Acrylics with Gene Bertram

June 3 and 17, 1-3 p.m. Watercolor with Carl Mayer

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, May 21 and June 18, 2-3 p.m.

No experience or partner necessary!

Location: Community Room of the Peter White Public Library.

### Becky Saves the Bees with Amber Rachel Neely

Wednesdays, May 14-June 18, 4-5 p.m.

\$10 City resident, \$15 non-City. Ages 6-18.

This children's play teaches students and audiences about the global importance of pollinators, and the epidemic called

Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) when the worker bees die off for no apparent reason. The performance will be held on June 20 in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library. This workshop will assign acting roles, all kids get parts!

### Group Voice Lessons with June Ackroyd

Tuesdays, June 3-July 15 at 6-7:30 p.m.

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

Enjoy learning the basics of singing, including relaxation, posture, breathing, support of the tone, warm-ups, range, resonance and diction. Traditional, classical, and musical theatre songs. June Ackroyd is an accomplished vocalist, with over 25 years of teaching experience as a university professor. Ages 13 and up.

### Fire Painting with Gene Bertram

Saturdays, June 7 and June 14 at Noon-3 p.m.

\$25 City resident, \$30 non-City, lab fee \$10

With assistance from instructor, make your own unique painting with spray paint and a torch.

### 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.

## 2014 Reconstruction Projects

This year will be busy with various street and utility reconstruction projects. These projects meet the intent of the City's Master and Capital Improvement Plans to manage the City's infrastructure assets. For additional information on any of the outlined projects, please contact the City Engineer's Office by phone at 906-228-0440, by e-mail at [engineer@mqtcty.org](mailto:engineer@mqtcty.org), or in person at the Municipal Service Center located at 850 West Baraga Avenue. Up-to-date project information will be posted on our website at [www.mqtcty.org/eng.php](http://www.mqtcty.org/eng.php) as it becomes available.

The following projects are planned for reconstruction this year:

### East Hewitt Avenue (Lakeshore Boulevard to Spruce Street)

A complete reconstruction is planned that includes the replacement of the water, sanitary sewer, laterals, and storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and curbing will be removed and upgraded with curb and gutter and to current street standards. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. This project is partially funded with a small urban grant of \$375,000. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington. Final plans are available for viewing.

### Furnace Street (Division Street to West End)

A complete reconstruction is planned that includes the removal of the gravel street and construction of curbing, aggregate subbase and base, and an asphalt surface to current street standards. In addition, the water and sanitary sewer will be extended from Division Street. Laterals will be stubbed for future use. Currently these homes and vacant lots are serviced by outdated, undersized utilities located in a narrow, inaccessible alley way. We are anticipating construction to begin in June. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick. Final plans are available for viewing.

### Mite Street (Hampton Street to Furnace)

This is another gravel street replacement and street upgrade project. This project will include the removal of the existing gravel surface and the construction of curbing, aggregate subbase and base, and an asphalt surface to current street standards. An undersized and aged water main will be removed and replaced with a larger diameter main. This area has severe erosion issues that will require the placement of the curb and gutter and the extension of storm sewer from Hampton Street. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick. Final plans are available for viewing.



### Hogan Alley (U.S. 41 to Mite Street)

This project will remove the existing gravel surface and replace it with an adequate base and an asphalt surface. In addition, an aging sanitary sewer lateral that runs down the alley will be removed and replaced. This project will prevent soil erosion and sedimentation onto U.S. 41. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick. Final plans are available for viewing.

### Westland Drive (Forest Park Drive to a point 230 feet west)

A street upgrade is planned that includes the removal of the existing asphalt street surface and existing asphalt storm drainage swales. The areas removed will be replaced with concrete curbing, aggregate subbase and base, and an asphalt surface to meet current street standards. Minor storm sewer work is planned. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick. Final plans are available for viewing.

### Carp River Sanitary Sewer Transmission Main Replacement Project

This project will remove and replace the two sanitary sewer transmission mains that span over the Carp River and replace them with industry standard materials that meet current Michigan Department of Environmental Quality standards. We are anticipating this project to start in July or August. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Jim Compton or Keith Whittington. Final plans are available for viewing.

### Street Improvement and Maintenance Projects (SIMP)

This is an annual project where streets that warrant heavy maintenance are milled and overlaid. This construction season we will be going green with the use of recycled asphalt shingles in the paving mixtures. Streets that are planned for treatment are Bluff Street, Altamont Street, Center Street, Cleveland Avenue, College Avenue, Fair Avenue, Baraga Avenue, and Grove Street. We are anticipating construction in August and September. Any questions regarding this project and the specific street limits can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

### Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Project

This is an annual project where portions of sidewalk which have been determined by the Engineering and Public Works Departments to be hazardous to the public are removed and replaced. Sidewalk lips 1.5 inches or greater are prioritized by lip height and scheduled for replacement. The amount of sidewalk replaced is based on the amount of funds available. We are anticipating construction in July and August. Any questions regarding this project and the specific locations can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick.

## Downtown Marquette Blueberry Festival Vendor Registration Open

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is pleased to announce that plans are underway for the annual Downtown Marquette Blueberry Festival, slated for Friday, July 25, 2014. 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 a.m. until 7 p.m. There is a \$50 registration fee to participate as a vendor. The deadline for registration is Thursday, June 19. Vendor registration is available online at <http://downtownmarquette.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Vendor-Registration-Form.pdf> or at the Marquette Downtown Development Authority office, 203 South Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855.



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, visit <http://downtownmarquette.org/blueberry-festival/>, contact the DDA

office at 906-228-9475 or e-mail Samantha Collins at [Samantha@downtownmarquette.org](mailto:Samantha@downtownmarquette.org).

## DDA Seeks Blueberry Festival Poster Contest Entries

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority invites residents of all ages and skill levels to submit original artwork for the 2014 Blueberry Festival Poster contest. The selected design will be reproduced as a full-color, limited edition 10 x 13 inch poster. Original artwork in any medium is welcome but should not be larger than 11 x 17 inches and must not have been previously reproduced.

The winning entry will be determined by a combined score based on an online vote open to the public and a panel of judges comprised of local artists, downtown business owners and public officials. Voting will take place Monday, May 12, through Wednesday, May 28, online at [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org). 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 25.

The entry deadline is Friday, May 9. Bring or mail entries to the Marquette Downtown Development Authority, 203 S. Front St., Suite 1-B, Marquette, Mich., 49855. A complete list of rules and an entry form is available at [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org).



## Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Opens 15th Season



Plans are now underway for the Saturday social event of the summer; the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market will open for its 15th season on Saturday, May 17 and run every Saturday through Oct. 25, 2014. In 2013 the Market drew over 15,687 people with an average weekly attendance of 700. New this year, the market will be open 9 a.m.—1 p.m., located at the Marquette Commons, 112 South Third Street, Marquette.

The market features a wide variety of vendors: farmers with fresh produce, honey and maple syrup producers, chocolatiers and baked goods, and lots of gift-quality, hand-crafted goods. As in the past, live music will be offered every week from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with opening weekend showcasing the talents of local musician Troy Graham followed by Becca Roo on May 24 and Derrell Syria on May 31. Also opening weekend, there will be a program on Smart Gardening, with sessions at 10 a.m. and noon.

For customer convenience, there is ample parking on the north and south side of the market, as well as bike racks and a dog-hitching post at the west end of the market.

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts credit/debit cards, Bridge/SNAP/EBT, Project FRESH and Market FRESH. Double Up Food Bucks runs June 1 through Oct. 31, 2014.



## 2014 Spring Yard Waste and Brush Collection Schedule

Properties paying the "Garbage/Yard Waste" fee on their monthly utility bills (green bag users) are eligible to dispose of yard waste through this collection. Owners and tenants of properties not paying the fee should contact their regular waste hauler for service. This service is supported by fees, not taxes. All residents are asked to observe the following rules to provide for a safe, efficient cleanup:

- These collections are for brush, leaves, grass clippings and garden debris only. NO rubbish is allowed. All collected material will be composted. Material is not to be placed more than one week prior to pickup date. Material MUST be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. of the scheduled pick up date. There will not be a second pick up day for the zones.
- Pile yard waste on the lawn next to the street edge, NOT in the gutter or on street pavement. Keep yard waste in front of your own property. Do NOT pile on vacant adjacent properties. Motorists are asked to avoid parking in positions that block access to leaf piles.
- The brush volume from each property is limited to one pickup load, a pile approximately 12'L x 6'W x 5'H.
- Crews will collect loose or bagged leaves May 27 – June 6. Do not use City green bags for yard waste. Bags containing garbage or other rubbish mixed with the yard waste will not be collected.
- The City will not collect material after the last date listed below for each route. Residents are asked to deliver it to the composting site on Lakeshore Boulevard, one block south of Hawley Street. The site is opening May 5, 2014 for the season. The site will be opened on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Any yard waste will be accepted but brush will be limited to one pickup load per day. Proof of residency or garbage fee payment is required for admittance.

The following are dates of the City of Marquette's **brush and compost** collection. Crews will collect brush week one and leaves, grass clippings and garden debris on weeks two and three.

### BRUSH COLLECTION

- Monday – May 19 – All streets north of Fair Avenue.
- Tuesday – May 20 – East Marquette bounded by and including Front Street on the west, Fair Avenue on the north and Baraga Avenue on the south.
- Wednesday – May 21 – The area west of Front Street and north of the U.S. 41 Bypass bounded by and including Fair Avenue on the north, Seventh Street on the west.
- Thursday – May 22 – All streets south of the U.S. 41 Bypass.
- Friday – May 23 – The area west of Seventh Street and north of the U.S. 41 Bypass bounded by and including Fair Avenue on the north.

### COMPOST COLLECTION

- Tuesday – May 27 – Area bounded by Tracy and Sugarloaf on the west and lying north of Fair AND area bounded by and including East Fair on the north, East Hewitt on the south and North Front on the west.
- Wednesday – May 28 – Area west of North Front bounded by and including West Hewitt on the south and Seventh Street on the west.
- Thursday – May 29 – Area south of East Hewitt, bounded by and including East Baraga on the south and Front Street on the west.
- Friday – May 30 – Area south of West Hewitt, north of the U.S. 41 Bypass, west of Front Street and bounded by and including Seventh Street on the west.
- Monday – June 2 – Area south of the U.S. 41 Bypass, bounded by and including Hampton Street on the south.
- Tuesday – June 3 – Area south of Hampton Street.
- Wednesday – June 4 – Area north of U.S. 41 Bypass, west of Seventh Street bounded by and including Cleveland Avenue on the north.
- Thursday – June 5 – Area north of Cleveland Avenue, west of North Seventh Street bounded by and including West Fair on the north.
- Friday – June 6 – Area north of West Fair and west of NMU Campus.

Open burning is not permitted in the City of Marquette – Neighborhood maps are available on City's website. Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 906-228-0444 or check the City's website at [www.mqtcty.org/pworks\\_cleanup.php](http://www.mqtcty.org/pworks_cleanup.php).



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