



# Marquette Matters

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## Gearing up for summer events in the City of Marquette



www.superiorbikefest.com

In addition to having longer days to spend with family and friends, the summertime allows Marquette residents the opportunity to participate in a plethora of festivals and fairs, including those based around cultural, artistic, exercise and food subjects.

Summer 2011 is no exception! In addition to weekly Farmers and Artists Markets (see page 5), the annual Garden Conference, Superior Bike Fest, Blueberry Festival, Blueberry Dance Festival and Art on the Rocks, there are a few special weekends to keep in mind.

Northern Michigan University is hosting an all-alumni reunion from June 23 through June 26. The weekend will include a downtown historic walking tour on Thursday morning and "An Evening with Jeff Daniels," a free concert



*Thespian, musician and Michigan native - national artist, Jeff Daniels will be visiting Marquette for a free concert in June.*

presented by Cliffs Natural Resources on Friday evening. The Superior Bike Twilight Criterium will also be happening downtown Friday evening. The Scandinavian Mid-Summer Festival will take place on Saturday at Presque Isle Park and feature Motala, Sweden's School of Music (see page 6).

The Maritime Museum is partnering with several local organizations to support the visit of two tall ships to Marquette during the weekend of July 22. The Pride of Baltimore and the Privateer LYNX are War of 1812 replicas and will be docked in the Lower Harbor, available for tours. The City Band will be performing this weekend.

Please take time to enjoy the wonderful events Marquette has to offer! A supplementary calendar may be found at [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org) for a complete schedule of summer events.

Blueberry Festival poster contest entries will be on display in Marquette City Hall from May 16 - May 31. The public is invited to visit and vote for their favorite entry on [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org).

### Bill's Blog... "State of the City"

*Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager, will share his comments on the health of our City in "Bill's Blog" as part of each issue of "Marquette Matters." The City Manager is the chief administrator for the City government. Vajda welcomes comments from the community at 225-8102 or [manager@mqtcty.org](mailto:manager@mqtcty.org).*

As we approach the first anniversary of my tenure as City Manager, I'm grateful for all the kind support I've received and the opportunity to serve my hometown. It's been a remarkable year for Marquette. Our many proud accomplishments underscore the value of investments we've made in our community. As we move forward, I am confident that our great City will endure and prosper, as it always has, based upon the pioneering spirit and ingenuity that defines us as residents of Marquette.

We are fortunate to have a City Commission that demands strong assurances that our investment decisions are tempered by challenging financial times. Our municipal budget must recognize the interdependence of Federal, State, and local resource constraints. Resident expectations inform tough investment recommendations, as well as suggestions for what we can live without. We deeply understand that many members of our community face these hard choices at home, and expect and deserve their leaders to behave the same. They are counting on us to propose a budget that we can afford, and to ensure Marquette makes the right investments that will enable prosperity into the future.

Indeed, I'm grateful our challenges are not insurmountable. Unlike the problems faced by the people of Japan, we are not struggling with the impact of massive earthquakes, tsunamis, and multiple nuclear meltdowns. Nor are we facing issues of survival like those of our forefathers, when the absence of a single supply schooner before winter could have resulted in unmitigated disaster. I remain cautiously optimistic, in spite of distressing times, that we have a great deal to be thankful for.

We are currently engaged in the annual budget process, and working with the City Commission to determine what investments will be made for the next fiscal year. I encourage all residents to review materials available through the City website, and to attend working group sessions and Commission meetings where public comment is offered. Guiding principles include:

- Overall spending should carry neutral (balanced) debt impacts. This means as we make new investments, we must continue to search for ways to buy down overall bond debt. Further, any new debt should be offset by retirement of equal amounts of older debt.
- Demand effectiveness for City government operations. This includes continued focus on reforms that enable government to produce better results and save money.
- Address unfunded obligations. As several Commissioners have noted, we need to ensure that costs associated with retirement funds and benefits and other obligations are identified and managed within overall budget planning.

These are not the first uncertain times our City has faced, nor will they be the last. Our residents demand vigorous and determined leadership. Each member of the Commission and staff swore an Oath of Office making it our duty to ensure Marquette prospers both today and tomorrow, and to keep the City financially secure as we move into the future. With the continued support of our community, I am absolutely confident we can rise to meet any challenge.

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# Zoning in: City Zoning FAQs

Marquette Matters staff recently sat down with the City's Zoning Department to answer some frequently asked citizen questions about zoning. For further clarification, please contact the Community Development Department at (906) 225-8380.

Q: How do citizens find out about uses allowed in their Zoning District?

A: Visit the Zoning Ordinance page: [http://www.mqtcty.org/Government/Code/80\\_zoning.pdf](http://www.mqtcty.org/Government/Code/80_zoning.pdf). Also visit the Zoning District Index link on the Zoning Department's page that will help you quickly find the page of your Zoning District: <http://www.mqtcty.org/zone.html>

Q: What does form-based code mean?

A: A form-based code is a means of regulating development to achieve a specific urban form. Form-based codes foster predictable built results and a high quality public realm by using physical form (rather than separation of uses) as the organizing principle for the code. Form-based codes address the relationship between building facades and the public realm, the form and mass of buildings in relation to one another, and the scale and types of streets and blocks. The regulations and standards in form-based codes are presented in both words and clearly drawn diagrams and other visuals. They are keyed to a regulating plan that designates the appropriate form and scale (and therefore, character) of development, rather than only distinctions in land-use types.

Q: What do citizens need to do if they want to build a deck or addition to a home?

A: Check out the Zoning Ordinance ([http://www.mqtcty.org/Government/Code/80\\_zoning.pdf](http://www.mqtcty.org/Government/Code/80_zoning.pdf)) Section 80.40-Schedule of regulations. The chart will state your Zoning District's yard requirements. If you can meet the yard requirements, please hand in a completed Zoning Compliance Permit application at:

[http://www.mqtcty.org/Forms/zoning\\_compliance\\_permit\\_application.pdf](http://www.mqtcty.org/Forms/zoning_compliance_permit_application.pdf).

Q: In the residential areas of the City, what do citizens need to do for placing a shed on their property?

A: In the RG and RS Zoning Districts you can place a shed in your rear yard, it must be at least ten feet from the main dwelling, five feet from the rear property line, and five feet from the side property lines. If one meets the yard requirements, please complete a Zoning Compliance Permit application.

Q: Does an individual own up to the sidewalk?

A: Most likely the answer is no. The City streets have different right-of-ways. Most of them are 66 feet wide.

Q: How do citizens find out where their lot lines are?

A: Some parcels in the City are platted lots, other legal descriptions are metes and bounds. For example, if one looks at their deed's legal description and it mentions a subdivision and lot numbers "C.I.M.CO. SUBD., ALL OF BLOCK-10" then they have a platted lot. They can come into our office and we can print you off the plat, or they can go online to the State of Michigan's website for the **Statewide Search for Subdivision Plat** [http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/platmaps/sr\\_subs.asp](http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/platmaps/sr_subs.asp). If one has a metes and bounds legal description it will look like this, "SEC 9, T48N- R25W, PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4...". The Community Development Department can show an orthophoto with lot lines but it is not survey accurate. For exact location, a survey is always recommended.

## Summer tax information

Summer Tax Bills will be mailed June 30, 2011. Property taxes are billed in two installments, June 30<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. The two bills are for the calendar year (January - December 2011) with each bill covering the whole year but having different taxing entities and distributions of tax dollars. The summer bill is the larger of the two with millage rates from the Schools, Library, State Education, City, and County Operating. The winter bill includes the County Special Programs and any voted millage. The City retains 44% of the taxes from homestead (principal residence) properties and 28.7% from non-homestead properties with 56% and 71.3%, respectively, being distributed to the other taxing entities.

The 2011 millage rates are not yet available and will not be known until mid-June when the Treasurer's Office receives the rates from the taxing entities. If you are trying to estimate your 2011 taxes, use the 2010 millage rates and multiple the taxable value on your 2011 Assessment Notice and add the 1% administration fee. Keep in mind that the estimated tax amount could change if you have a special assessment installment payment or delinquent utility charge that will be added to the bill. Last year's millage rate is located on the City's website [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org) under Departments/Treasurer/Tax Information.

Summer Tax Deferral is available for eligible persons. The summer tax on homestead property can be deferred until February 14<sup>th</sup> without penalty. Eligibility requirements are as follows: a) total household income of \$40,000 or less and b) senior citizen (age 62 by December 31, 2010) or c) paraplegic, quadriplegic, blind, eligible service person.

**Please Note:** The Treasurer's Office has received many inquiries if the summer and winter tax bills can be consolidated and mailed once a year instead of two times a year because the winter bill is so small. The answer is "we'd love to" as this would be a big cost savings for the City by only having to produce, process and mail one bill. However, Michigan property tax law covers all municipalities, townships, villages, and other taxing entities in the state with each having their own taxing dates as set by law. House Bill 5010 (2003) was introduced to amend the General Property Tax Act by specifying an annual July tax levy. The bill has many technical provisions and would essentially put in place a new calendar for assessment and collection of taxes. This bill has been in Committee (Tax Policy) since August 2003 and there has been little movement.

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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 Commission Chambers at City Hall, unless noted otherwise. Citizens are invited to attend.

**May 2, 2011, 6:15 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers, Special Meeting**

**May 9, 2011, 7:00 p.m.,**  
**Commission Chambers**

**May 23, 2011 7:00 p.m.,**  
**Commission Chambers**

**June 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m.,**  
**Commission Chambers**

**June 27, 2011, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Commission Chambers**

Meetings are televised on City of Marquette Channel 21, and are available on streaming video at [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org).



# Project updates within the City of Marquette

The Engineering Department is encouraging anyone who sees activity in the City right of way, and where there is not an orange permit posted, to contact Greg Borzick or Keith Whittington from the Engineering Department to report. Their phone number is (906) 228-0440.

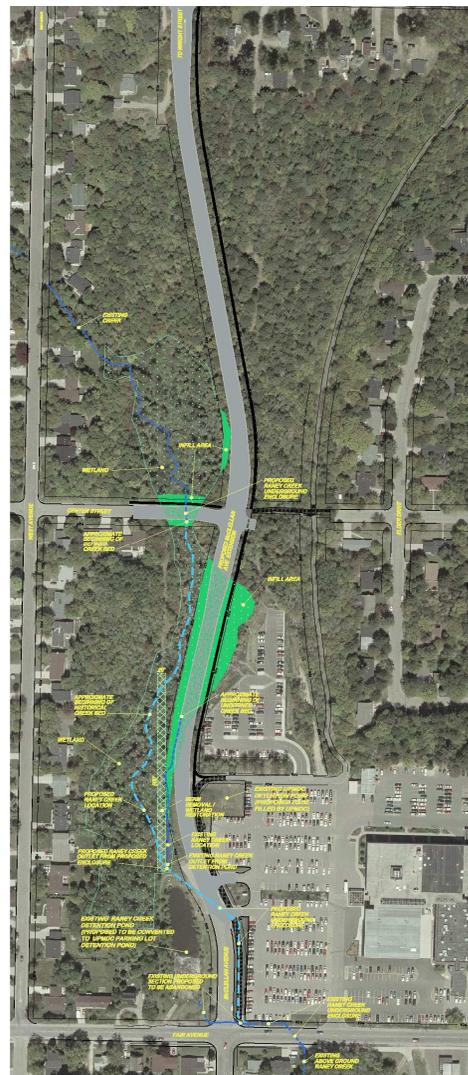
Construction will resume soon on the **Founders Landing Boardwalk project** after the winter delay. The contractor will start construction with the installation of footings for the boardwalk structure and continue with storm sewer placement. The boardwalk structure has been fabricated in the contractor's warehouse over the winter and is ready for placement once the footings are in place.

The package project of **Brule Road** (Joliet to Schoolcraft), **Adams Street** (Mesnard to Hampton), **Fair Avenue** (Lincoln to Northrop), and **Garfield Avenue** (Jefferson to Sherman) has been advertised for bids. Construction is anticipated to start in later June or early July.

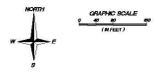
The **Lakeshore Boulevard project** (a.k.a. Island Beach Road) has been advertised for bids. Construction is anticipated to start in late June or early July. The water main easements required from WE Energies, BLP, CCI and LS&I are being evaluated by the parties involved and are close to being finalized. On April 11, 2011 the City Commission approved option B which will stretch out special assessment payments for a period of ten years. Payments can be more frequent if desired. The City has been approved for low interest loans through the State Revolving Fund for water and sanitary sewer construction.

The **Lake Street Multi-Use Path project** has been approved by the State of Michigan to proceed with the bid advertising. A bid opening date of May 12, 2011 has been scheduled. City Commission approval is anticipated during the May 23, 2011 Commission meeting. The City has qualified for a Transportation Enhancement grant, with the City obligated to provide a 35% funding match.

Construction on **Mildred Avenue** (Elm to cul-de-sac and Gray to McClellan) and **Forest Park Drive** (Grove to Wilson) is planned to begin in early spring of 2012, with approval by the Planning Commission.



**CONCEPTUAL PLAN  
McCLELLAN AVENUE EXTENSION**



**DELINEATED WETLAND AREA = 6.30 ACRES**  
**PROPOSED WETLAND IMPACT**  
 McClellan fill between slope stake lines = 0.86 ACRES  
 Center street fill between slope stake line = 0.14 ACRES  
 Medical center parking lot fill = 0.14 ACRES  
**TOTAL = 1.14 ACRES**

*The City has received approval on the draft Environmental Assessment from MDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on the proposed McClellan Avenue Extension Plan. If viewing newsletter online, please use your browser's controls to zoom on the map and view it in detail.*

## Repairs scheduled for Tourist Park Dam

The Board of Light and Power will be making repairs to the Tourist Park Dam during the 2011 construction season. Excavation will begin in May and water will begin pooling in the reservoir by June. The water levels will remain shallow during the entire 2011 construction season and into the spring of 2012. The swimming beach will be constructed and the wetlands will be planted in May 2012. Upon completion of the beach and wetland plantings (which should take two to three weeks to complete), the reservoir will be filled to normal pool elevation.

## Restoration of the Bluff Street parking ramp planned

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority is soliciting qualifications and proposals for restoration engineering services for the Bluff Street parking ramp. Built in 1985, the structure is experiencing weathering and deterioration and must be restored to a level of serviceability and integrity to promote an additional 20 years of low maintenance service life.

The 37,000 square foot structure contains 244 parking spaces that support both long-term downtown employee parking and short-term customer parking. Prior structural assessments identified repairs which have been systematically addressed over the last several years at a cost of over \$230,000. The "piece-meal" approach has done little to address the continued and progressive corrosion which is causing damage to the structure. In addition to structural repairs, the project will address recommendations for traffic ingress/egress, repairs to both the west and east adjacent towers, modification of lighting to incorporate energy efficient and environmentally sensitive lighting, installation of vehicle charging systems, and additional upgrades to the overall parking utility and revenue generation capability of the deck.

## Landing Development Group ground breaking at Founders Landing



*From the left to right: Barry Polzin, Partner, Landing Development Group (LDG); Josh Dawson, Architect on the project; Sharon Thum, LDG Director of Marketing; Mayor John Kivela; Mayor Pro-tem Johnny DePetro; Commissioner Bob Niemi; Commissioner Fred Stonehouse; LDG Partner Bill Hetrick; LDG Partner Steve Pelto; and Joe Constance, LDG Partner.*

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Any individuals with disabilities who would like to receive the information in this publication in another form may contact the Marquette Matters newsletter at [marquettematters@mqtcty.org](mailto:marquettematters@mqtcty.org), or the Arts and Culture Center at (906) 228-0472.

## Growing reliance on biological treatment systems

Most citizens may not be aware that the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant employs several advanced forms of biological treatment to purify wastewater. Reliance on biological activity in the wastewater industry continues to expand as these means of treatment are refined and cost savings are realized.

Biological systems respond to environmental conditions to which a population is exposed. Treatment systems are designed to provide operators with control of some, but not all, environmental conditions that affect biological activity. The table below provides examples of controllable and non-controllable environmental conditions.

Toxicity is an example of a non-controllable environmental factor. Toxicity impacts biological systems adversely by killing bacteria or shunting biological activity. This can often lead to permit failure or process disruptions that often prompt the use of chemicals in place of biological activity for treatment. Materials that can disrupt biological activity include antibiotics, disinfecting and cleaning agents, root killing agents, and other materials that directly or indirectly affect treatment.

Since it is not possible to control all substances that enter a sanitary sewer system, the implementation of a public awareness campaign

waste collection is a proven and effective way to control what enters a treatment system. The campaigns are based on the assumption that educating people on a particular issue and providing waste disposal will result in control of the discharge of toxic material into the environment.

There are several public awareness campaigns in the Marquette area that help to protect biological treatment systems. The Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority holds Household Hazardous Waste collections throughout the year. Pharmaceuticals, Personal Care Products and Medication collections sites also help in providing some control over what may affect biological treatment systems and water quality.

Biological Treatment Environmental Conditions	
Controllable	Non-controllable
Dissolved Oxygen Concentration	Toxicity
Internal Recirculation Rates	Detention times
Oxidation Reduction Potential	Loading Rates
Pollutant To Biomass Ratios	

## Compost, recycle and rubbish removal

### Compost

The Compost site opened on April 16 and is scheduled to close November 19th, depending upon weather conditions. The disposal area is located at the old Cliffs-Dow site accessed from Lakeshore Blvd. This site is open to City residents on Monday and Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 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 may also drop off one pickup load of brush per day (a pile measured approximately 12'L x 6'W x 5'H). Commercial haulers are not permitted. Open burning is not permitted in the City of Marquette.

### Spring Compost Collection

The following locations will complete the ongoing spring compost collection:

**May 9** Area south of US 41 Bypass, bounded by and including Hampton on the south.

**May 10** Area south of Hampton.

**May 11** Area north of US 41 Bypass, west of Seventh, bounded by and including Cleveland on the north.

**May 12** Area north of Cleveland, west of North Seventh, bounded by and including West Fair on the north.

**May 13** Area north of West Fair and west of NMU Campus.

During this one-time collection, leaves, grass clippings and garden debris will be collected (nothing else will be accepted).

### Recyclable Transfer Station

As of April 1, the Waste Management Transfer Station will only accept recycle material on Wednesdays from 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Please bring proper identification showing you are a Marquette City resident (driver's license and current City utility bill with garbage fee). Free for Marquette City residents.

### Rubbish

The Household Rubbish Drop-Off Site will no longer be accepting electronic equipment. Electronic equipment includes the following items: TV's, computers, laptops, network equipment, computer parts, software, flat panel screens, monitors, printers and scanners. The following places are available for electronic equipment recycling:

American – (906) 228-7100    Goodwill – (906) 226-2444  
 Best Buy – (906) 227-5097    Radio Shack – (906) 226-3291

The following items are not accepted at the Household Rubbish Drop-Off Site: Liquid or hazardous wastes, Freon-containing appliances, brush or yard waste, regular garbage, food items, rocks or masonry, compressed gas tanks, tires, shingles and electronic equipment.

### Rubbish, continued

Please make sure garbage is not placed curbside for pick-up any earlier than the day preceding your scheduled pick-up day. Citizens of Marquette should be aware of their scheduled pick-up dates. Many properties have been placing their garbage curbside early which is in violation of the City Ordinance pertaining to Garbage:

#### 49.02 Placement of Containers and Special Materials for Collection

1. Between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on the day preceding the scheduled garbage-rubbish and recyclables collection, residents who are making use of the curbside pick-up shall place their garbage and recyclables containers, or approved garbage bags in the area between the sidewalk and curb, or between two and eight feet from the edge of the roadway in areas where there are no sidewalks or curbs. These containers shall be placed in front of the owner's property and in a location accessible to City sanitation equipment. During the winter months, garbage and recyclables containers shall be placed in a driveway opening or some other established opening in the snow bank

### Please Note:

There will be anticipated intermittent site closures that will take place throughout the summer. All site closures will be announced through the public access channel and the City website at [www.mqctcy.org](http://www.mqctcy.org).

## Residential reappraisal continues through 2012

The Assessing Department will begin their annual neighborhood reappraisal in May. Letters will be sent to all affected property owners notifying them of the procedure involved. The City-wide residential reappraisal began in 2006 and is anticipated to be completed in 2012, or until each residential property has been visited. This will continue each year thereafter beginning with the parcels that were visited in 2006, to continue on a five year cycle for each parcel. There will be a total of eight residential neighborhoods scheduled for reappraisal in 2011. The first neighborhood scheduled will be neighborhood #38, southeast neighborhood. Please refer to the **map on page 5** of *Marquette Matters* for the properties location within this neighborhood.

Commercial neighborhood properties will also be reviewed. The review of the commercial properties will begin in June. Property owners will be notified when this review will occur.



## Downtown Farmers and Artists Market prepares for summer

The Downtown Marquette Farmers and Artists Market is gearing up for its 2011 Season. The market will kick-off with a Grand Opening on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Marquette Commons offering fresh local produce, homemade products, and a variety of hand-crafted artisan products. **The Flying Martini Brothers** will provide entertainment from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

According to market organizers it is expected to be another successful season. The market continues to grow and evolve and has become a popular weekly community event. In addition to fresh local meat, produce, foods, and plant-starts, the market also features herbalists, body care products, jewelry, photography, flowers, wood working and many other offerings from Upper Peninsula artists. Classes related to food and farming are offered as are other special events. The market has seen an annual increase in both vendors and customers as it evolved from its street corner location to its permanent home at the Marquette Commons. The current market began in 1999 in the O'Dovero Professional Office Building Parking lot at Fourth and Washington Street with four vendors. Since its move to the Commons in 2007, the market has grown to 45 participants.

According to Market Master Sarah Monte, over 67 vendors applied to participate in the market last year; however, in order to keep a quality market and one that the facility accommodates there is a limit to the number of vendors that can be admitted each week.

"We are looking for a variety of offerings and products. By keeping the market interesting, we are able to continue to provide a successful experience for our vendors and offer a unique experience to the community," explained Monte.

The market runs every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. through October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Marquette Commons located at 112 S. Third Street. The market accepts credit and debit cards, WIC Project Fresh, Senior Market Fresh, and SNAP Benefit cards. For more information about the market visit [www.downtownmarquette.org](http://www.downtownmarquette.org) or e-mail [marketmaster@downtownmarquette.org](mailto:marketmaster@downtownmarquette.org). The market is sponsored by the Marquette Downtown Development Authority.



## Marquette water quality tests as safe

Lake Superior water is very soft (Hardness: 42 ppm or 2.6 grains per gallon) and naturally corrosive, as can be the water from the City's filtration plant. If left uncorrected, it can cause increased lead levels in households with copper plumbing and lead/tin solder joints. (Lake Superior water has a natural pH of 7.20) The Water Treatment Facility has corrected the problem by increasing the pH of the water to around 8.4, therefore making it less corrosive. In 2008, the City collected 33 samples for lead and copper analyses. The lead concentrations in those samples ranged from non-detectable levels to 61 ppb, with two of the samples exceeding the 15 ppb action level, and our 90<sup>th</sup> percentile level was 9.4 ppb. Because the levels were so low, the City does not need to sample again until September 2011.

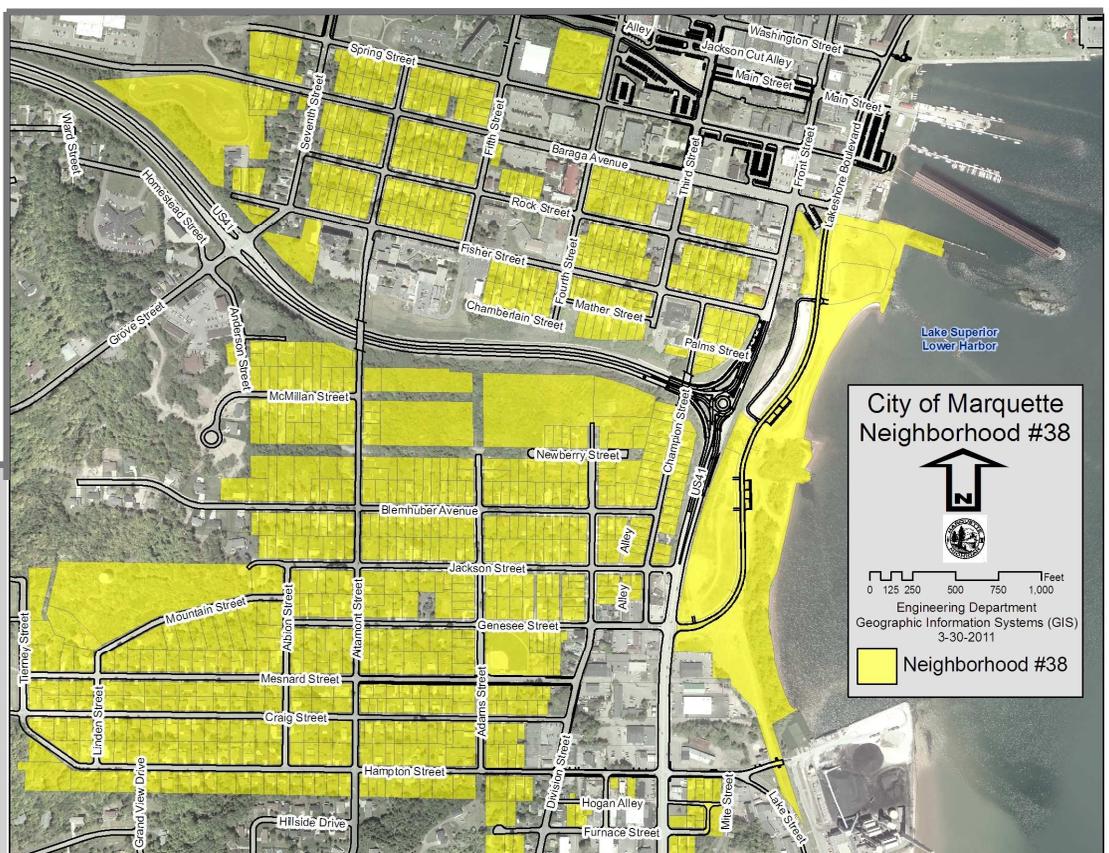
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Marquette is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, one can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing their tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If a concern arises, citizens may choose to have their water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>. The City water department routinely monitors the water quality in the distribution system. Last year over three hundred samples were collected from the distribution

system and analyzed for coliform bacteria. None of the samples collected contained coliform bacteria.

Chlorine and fluoride concentrations are also measured when the bacteriological samples are collected. The maximum concentration of chlorine leaving the filtration plant was 1.59 ppm (1.01 average), and distribution system monitoring ranged from 0.19 to 0.89 ppm. While there is no maximum level set for chlorine, it has always been the source of most of our water quality complaints as some people are more sensitive to its odor. Our practice has always been to add just enough chlorine to the water to maintain a minimal level throughout the distribution system. The fluoride concentration in your drinking water is typically 1.00 ppm. City drinking water contains chloride at non-detectable levels this year, and a sodium concentration of 7.0 ppm. There are no established health limits for chloride or sodium. Nitrate concentrations detected were 0.4 ppm and Nitrite was below detectable levels.

For questions concerning your water utility, please contact Curt Goodman, Superintendent of Water and Wastewater at (906) 225-4055. The complete 2010 Annual Water Quality Report is also posted on the City of Marquette website at [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org).

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**Neighborhood # 38,**  
Southeast Marquette, highlighted in yellow on the map (pictured right) is scheduled to be the first assessed in the 2011 summer. If viewing newsletter online, please use your browser's controls to zoom on the map and view it in detail. Please visit the City Assessor's webpage to view the full assessing schedule: <http://www.mqtcty.org/assess.html>.



## Global exploration during Peter White Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Participants in the Peter White Public Library's Summer Reading Program are in for a global adventure this summer, as the program, "One World, Many Stories," will feature cultural programming for all ages and interests.

The children's program will begin on Monday, June 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. with an opening night kick-off party featuring crafts, snacks and program registration. A full program schedule (including events for adults) can be found at [www.pwpl.info](http://www.pwpl.info).



- June 20** - Opening Night Kick-Off, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., PWPL Community Room
- June 22** - Vertigo Theatre's Puppet Show: History of Fairy Tales, 7:00 p.m.
- June 23** - *Truly Remarkable Loon*, comedian and juggler, 2:00 p.m., Community Room
- June 24** - Film, *Madeline*, 2:00 p.m., Community Room
- June 27** - One World, Many Languages: Finland, time/location to be announced
- June 30** - One World, Many Friends: Corrine Rockow Family Concert, 2:00 p.m., Community Room

## Annual Arts Award winners announced

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Committee is proud to announce the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Culture Recognition Award Ceremony, celebrating excellence in the arts by honoring outstanding Marquette County citizens and businesses. A celebratory reception will be held in the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center on Friday, May 13, 2011 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The award ceremony will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library's Community Room. This event is free and open to the public. Please call (906) 228-0472 for more information.

2011 Winners Include:

- Arts Volunteer - **Michele Tuccini**
- Community Arts Activist - **Melissa Matuscak**
- Outstanding Arts Educator - **Diane Mahoney**
- Arts Business Honor Roll - **Donckers Restaurant and Soda Fountain**
- Outstanding Visual Artist - **Earl Senchuk**
- Outstanding Performance Artist - **Jill Grundstrom**
- Outstanding Writer - **Tyler Tichelaar**
- Special Recognition - **John Pepin**
- Outstanding Organization - **Marquette Monthly**
- Youth Award - **Nicole Vermeulen**

A list of past award winners may be found at [www.mqtcty.org/arts.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/arts.html).

## City Manager offers community office hours

Marquette residents, business owners and community partners are invited to meet with City Manager Bill Vajda, as well as other administration leaders on Wednesday, May 11 and June 8 from 10:00 a.m. - noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The meetings are 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.

"Informed citizens are the key to successful community policies, and informed staff is the key to successful governance. We're excited to offer one more way for citizens to share information and great ideas about our community," explains Vajda.

## Celebrity Zamboni drivers participate in Pigs 'n Heat

The March 16th Pigs 'n Heat Hockey Tournament is now over, and the "heat"—Marquette's firefighters—can claim a victory. Those who didn't attend the 28<sup>th</sup> annual fund raiser missed some spirited hockey playing and the opportunity to see two local "celebrities" serve as Zamboni drivers during the event: Mayor Pro-tem Johnny DePetro and City Manager Bill Vajda.

Doug Smith, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, recently presented both men with official certificates to recognize them for completing the training. "I don't think we have to worry about losing them to the Red Wings," Smith joked, "but we hope their first time resurfacing the ice won't be the last."

Over 4,000 people attended the event, and more than \$17,000 raised to provide assistance to area residents affected by fire.



From left to right: City Commissioner Johnny DePetro, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director Doug Smith and City Manager Bill Vajda.

## Local Arts Entertainment

### Lake Superior Art Association featured at MACC

The Lake Superior Art Association is holding its Thirty-Fifth Annual Members' Art Show at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Lower Level Gallery in the lower level of Peter White Public Library. This juried exhibition opens on Wednesday, May 4 and runs through Friday, May 27. There will be a public reception to meet the artists and view their work on Friday, May 13 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gallery. The reception is being held in conjunction with the City of Marquette Annual Arts Awards. For further information regarding the LSAA Show, please contact Laura Grover at 226-9777.

LSAA will be again featured for the month of June at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Lower Level Gallery, as the group's *Thursday Painting Groups'* work will be installed. An opening reception will be held in celebration of the exhibition on Thursday, June 2, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

### Local musicians perform at PWPL

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is pleased to announce the *May First Thursday Concert Series*, with an evening of music featuring **Troy Graham and Sparrowtree**. The concert will take place in the Peter White Public Library's Community Room on **May 5, 2011** from 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$5.00 for the band. This concert provides a family friendly atmosphere of acoustic music and festivity and is open to the general public.

**Carrie Biolo** (right) will present "A Concert of Solo Marimba Works" on Thursday, **June 2**.



### Swedish youth musicians plan visit

Joining the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival for 2011 is a group of young musicians from Motola, Sweden currently touring with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp's International Exchange Program.

Held on June 25 from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Presque Isle Park, the Midsummer Festival commemorates and celebrates the long history, hard work and accomplishments of the many Scandinavians in this part of the Upper Peninsula. It is also a time to become aware of what's happening currently in the Scandinavian countries from which these ancestors came. The young Swedish Motola musical groups will be a great source of information and "up-to-date, right-now" cultural exchange at the Festival. For a complete schedule of the day's events, please visit [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org).

### City Hall summer hours in effect

New summer hours will be in effect for City Hall offices only beginning Tuesday, May 31, 2011, through September 5, 2011. The offices will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Normal office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will resume on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. There will be no change in hours for the Police Department.

### Parks summer schedule

- May 1, 2011: Marinas open for season
- May 18, 2011: Tourist Park opens for season
- June 10, 2011: Beaches open for season
- September, 2011: Beaches close for season
- October 16, 2011: Tourist Park closes at noon for season
- November 1, 2011: Marinas close for season