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Public Forum

UP Health Systems will hold a public forum
on May 2 at 7 p.m. to discuss reuse of the
existing hospital facility. Their goal is to work
in conjunction with the community and city to
ensure an acceptable solution for repurposing
the existing hospital and related campus
property. The meeting will be held in the UP
Health Systems Marquette Conference Center,
located on the third floor of the hospital's
College Avenue East Entrance.

Message from Mike

In each issue, the Marquette City Manager shares his comments in the form of a column. This issue, City Manager Mike Angeli (pictured right) shares the state of current projects in the City. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



Happy Spring everyone. I hope this message finds everyone enjoying a very welcome season. To continue the theme from my last message, we here at the City are still pushing ahead with our major projects; however, we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. The Duke LifePoint Hospital construction is on schedule with a groundbreaking planned for May 26 at the site of the outdoor ice rink next to the old Service Center on Baraga Avenue. The Department of Public Works has moved into temporary facilities on Baraga Avenue and Wright Street. With that in mind, as I write this bids are going out for the construction of the new Service Center on Wright Street. Once done, a final Guaranteed Maximum Price will be presented to the City Commission on May 31. If approved, construction is slated to begin on June 1. Like I said, there is light. My thanks and appreciation for the fine work (and suffering) done by City staff to bring everything successfully to this point.

There is still a considerable amount of work left to be done by City staff as we move ahead with our part of the construction of new traffic routes and other infrastructure surrounding the new hospital. In case you haven't heard, the tentative plans call for the realignment of South Seventh Street to coincide with a new roundabout on the bypass at South Seventh Street and Grove Street. An additional roundabout will be added about a quarter mile west of that intersection to allow easy access to Baraga Avenue and the new hospital. And just to top it off, we are planning another roundabout just north of that one on Baraga Avenue. So if you like roundabouts it's good news. If not, you may have to adjust as best you can. The

overall consensus is that roundabouts work very well.

Construction of the new Clark-Lambros Park on Lakeshore Boulevard near the Dead River is underway and should be completed later this summer. By all indications this will be a really nice addition to our City park system and will offer a new destination for those wishing to enjoy the lake and beach. My thanks to Michele Butler and the Clark family for their generous contribution to the City.

One other construction project worth keeping an eye on is the work being done for the new Board of Light and Power Energy Center on Wright Street. I say this not because the actual construction may be of interest to watch, but the transport of the three new large gas fired generators might be. The generators are massive and require very large and extremely slow-moving trucks for transport. Their arrival will likely require road closures and other unique accommodations to get them to the site. Even more interesting is the method used to transport them to Marquette from Finland and offload them. Our capabilities are limited for such a task and there are only two options. One is to offload from a ship at the site of the Shiras Steam Plant on South Lake Street. The other is a beach landing somewhere in the area of East Wright Street near the Superior Dome.

From my perspective, it's all good news so go out and enjoy summer in Marquette.

Community Elections

Three residents have filed as 2016 candidates for the Marquette City Commission. David Campana and Sarah Reynolds are both seeking re-election to the Commission, after each serving one three-year term. Also running is Matthew Luttenberger. All City Commission seats carry three-year terms. In order to make a Primary Election necessary, a minimum of five candidates would have had to file. As there are only three candidates, there will be no August Primary Election for the City Commission, and all candidates move to the November General Election ballot.

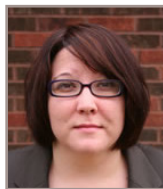
Three residents have also filed as 2016 candidates for the Marquette Board of Light and Power. Edward Angeli, Jorma

Lankinen and Robert Niemi are all seeking election to the BLP seat being vacated by Jerry Garceau. All BLP seats carry three-year terms. There will be a primary election for the BLP, and the three candidates will appear on the August ballot. The two candidates with the most votes in that election will move on to the November General Election ballot.

The filing period has ended for the 2016 elections for the Marquette City Commission and the Board of Light and Power, except for those wishing to run as a write-in candidate. The deadline to file as a write-in candidate for either board is 4 p.m. on July 22.



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City Commission Meetings

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

Regular Meetings:

Monday, May 9, 2016, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 13, 2016, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 27, 2016, 7 p.m.

Meetings are televised on local (Charter Cable) Channel 191. Additional meetings may be called, and changes may be made in accordance with the City Charter. Notices will be posted for such changes in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976.

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Interested in serving your community?

The City of Marquette has several openings for various volunteer advisory boards and committees.

Check out the City's website for the most up-to-date vacancy information, and for an application: www.mqctcy.org/government.php

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

Holiday Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; and the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library) will be closed on Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day. The Fire and Police Departments will remain open and staffed during this time.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Mike Angeli holds community office hours on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10 a.m. until noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The next community office hours sessions are scheduled for May 11 and June 9.

The meetings are intended to provide informal opportunities to discuss issues within the community, and to give citizens a chance for direct dialogue with City staff about interests and concerns.

Strategic Plan Work Sessions

Three work sessions have been scheduled for the update to the City of Marquette Strategic Plan. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings and offer their input. The work sessions will be in room 103 at City Hall on the follow dates:

Monday, May 9, at 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 31, at 5:15 p.m.
Monday, June 13, at 5:15 p.m.

Beach Days Coming Soon – Waterfront Safety Refresher

With summer days just around the corner, it is important to understand the City of Marquette's Beach Flag Advisory system, and other waterfront safety tips.

Watch for warning flags and know what they mean. The City of Marquette's flag status can be found on our website, mqtcty.org, click waterfront safety. Warnings are as follows:

Green Flag – Low Hazard (waves calm to 2 feet)



Yellow Flag – Medium Hazard (waves 2 to 4 feet)



Red Flag – High Hazard, No Swimming (waves over 4 feet)



Double Red Flag – Water closed to public no lifeguard on duty.



Be aware of the weather. Before heading to the beach check the weather report. Avoid the beach if there is lightening in the forecast and wait 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.

Know your swimming level. Always follow the buddy system while

swimming. This will ensure that help is nearby should you need it. It's best practice to enroll your family in age-appropriate swim lessons. Inexperienced swimmers should wear a lifejacket. Loaner life jackets are available at guarded beaches.

Pick a lifeguarded beach. Be aware of the lifeguard station and note the direction of the current and where you are at when in the water. This can help orient you while in the water. The City of Marquette's guarded beaches include McCarty's Cove, South Beach and Tourist Park.

Watch for Rip Currents. Rip currents can occur at any beach with breaking waves. They tend to form near a shallow point in the water. If you get pulled into a Rip Current, stay calm, gain your composure and swim parallel to shore until you are out of the current. Then swim diagonally toward shore. If in danger, face the shore and call for help.

Know how to identify a swimmer in need. Swimmers in trouble will not

always be waving their hands and making noise. Usually a drowning person is unable to call for help or wave his/her arms. Often drownings are silent. Be alert to a swimmer with their head low in the water, (mouth submerged) or tilted back. Often their bodies will remain upright with little evidence of kicking. *

Stay Sober. It is unlawful to drink alcohol on City of Marquette beaches and is subject to civil citation. Not only does alcohol affect your judgement, but it also dehydrates you which can contribute to heat-related illness.

Wear sunscreen and stay hydrated. Protect your skin, sunburns can increase the risk for skin cancer (especially blistering burns early in life). Also, know the signs of heatstroke which can include; a high body temperature, confusion/agitation, hot skin/dry to touch (unless brought on by strenuous exercise), nausea, flushed skin, rapid heart rate and headache. Drink plenty of water at the beach to help avoid dehydration or heatstroke.

Downtown Marquette Farmers Market



The 2016 season of the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market opens Saturday, May 21 and runs each week through Dec. 17.

Over 50 local and independently owned small businesses set up on the plaza of the Marquette Commons in beautiful Downtown Marquette to offer the freshest food and most unique, handmade artisan goods in the area. Market hours are 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy weekly live music 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

When you ride your bicycle to shop at the market you will find the bike racks at the west end of the plaza, close to the doggie hitching post.

Along with the fabulous, seasonal food, there will be various programming and food demonstrations throughout

the season. Be sure to visit the market website (mqtfarmersmarket.com) and the Farmers Market [Facebook](#) page for the updated schedule.

Shopping local means that certain items, such as meat, eggs, maple syrup and jams, are available every week. Other items come into season every few weeks. Pick up a vegetable and fruit seasonality chart at the market kiosk. Some of what will be found at the beginning of the season includes crispy spring greens, asparagus,

rhubarb, radishes, young onions and carrots. Remember to shop the market for your plant starters to help you successfully grow some of your own food. The seeds for these plant starters have been selected to thrive in our growing region. Soil amendments for your garden are

also available from some farmers, be sure to ask if you are interested.

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, SNAP benefits, Market FRESH and Project FRESH. We also distribute Double Up Food Bucks and Hoophouses for Health vouchers to qualifying customers. Visit the market kiosk for additional information.

See you at the market, the place to be on Saturday mornings!



Photo by J. McCarthy

Annual Blueberry Festival Returns for its 15th Year

Plans are underway for the 15th Annual Blueberry Festival to be held Friday, July 29 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Washington and Front Streets in Downtown Marquette. The streets will be bustling as local businesses offer sidewalk sales and specials alongside crafters and performers. Pony rides, arcade jumps and children's activities will delight the youngsters. Mounds of fresh plump blueberries are always featured and downtown restaurants will satisfy your cravings for blueberry fare with creative offerings from blueberry pizza to blueberry beer.

"The Blueberry Festival is a family fun event that attracts locals and tourists to the streets of Marquette's Downtown District. Visitors to the event are sure to have a wonderful time trying different blueberry flavored treats, enjoying live music and performances and browsing the different wares provided by local and regional vendors," explains Becky Salmon, Assistant Director of the Marquette Downtown Development Authority.

Once again this year, the festival will feature the Children's Talent Show sponsored by Lake Superior Youth Theatre. The streets will rock with live music as local favorite bands entertain the crowds. Live music will also grace the Pocket Park for the duration of the festival.

Those who are interested in registering as a vendor for this event can apply at Downtown Marquette's website. Food vendors and vendors who create their own items to sell are encouraged to apply. Businesses within the downtown district can also apply for booth space in the festival. Find applications for both businesses and vendors at www.downtownmarquette.org/blueberry-festival/. The deadline to register is June 1 and space is limited. Apply today!

Now Accepting Entries for the 2016 Blueberry Festival Poster Contest

Registration is now open for the 2016 Blueberry Festival Poster Contest! Only original artwork submitted by the artist or the artist's representative will be accepted. All images used in the artwork must be original. Artists may enter up to two submissions, up to 11" x 17" in size, of any media, but must be two dimensional. "We've had some really great entries over the last 14 years, and are looking forward to seeing what talented artists submit this year," says Tara Laase-McKinney, Marquette Downtown Development Authority Promotions and Events Coordinator. "This is a great opportunity for both established and up and coming artists to get good exposure in the Marquette area. We have numerous poster collectors from all over the Upper Great Lakes who look forward to each year's poster."

The winning image will be produced on festival posters and merchandise, and the winning artist receives \$150 in gift certificates from downtown businesses, as well as 10 high-quality prints. The winner 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. Votes may be cast between Monday, May 9 and Friday, May 27 by visiting www.downtownmarquette.org. All entries will be on display at the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, 217 N. Front St., throughout that time period for those who would like to view and vote for the artwork in person. Only submissions which meet the specifications described below will be considered.

Visit downtownmarquette.org/blueberry-festival-poster-contest/ to submit your entry today!

Downtown Development Authority



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



2015 Contest Winner

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front St. in Marquette. For more information or questions on any of the articles on this page or the following, please call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqctcy.org.



20th Annual Art Awards to be Held on May 20

20TH ANNUAL ART AWARDS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

ARTS ACTIVIST DIANE KORDICH	PERFORMING ARTIST JESSE DECAIRE
ARTS BUSINESS HONOR ROLL MARQUETTE FOOD CO-OP	SPECIAL RECOGNITION KRISTIN FRAK
ARTS EDUCATOR DANIELLE SIMANDL	VISUAL ARTIST DIANA MAGNUSON
ARTS VOLUNTEER JIM CLUMPNER	WRITER RAGENE HENRY (POSTHUMOUSLY)
COMMUNITY ARTS IMPACT MARQUETTE REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER	YOUTH SYDNEY VOSS SOPHIE SHAHBAZI

Upcoming Gallery Exhibits:

May

LSAA 40th Annual LSAA Members' Show, Mixed Media

SmallWorks Joy Bender Hadley, Mixed Media

June

Thursday Painters
Kathleen Conover

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites the community to attend the 20th Annual Art Awards, where outstanding individuals in our community will be honored.

to honor their achievements. This event is free and open to the public with a "black and white" suggested dress code to match the atmosphere of the Annual Art Awards.

At 6 p.m. on May 20, the public is invited to a celebratory reception before the Art Awards in conjunction with Lake Superior Art Association's Annual Member Show and Joy Bender Hadley's May exhibition. Refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Coco's Restaurant. At 7 p.m. the awards will begin with performances by select award recipients and a ceremony

For more information contact the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at 906-228-0472 or e-mail arts-culture@mqctcy.org.

**A special exhibit honoring Ragene Henry will be hosted in the Huron Mountain Club Gallery on the first floor of the Peter White Public Library during the month of May.*

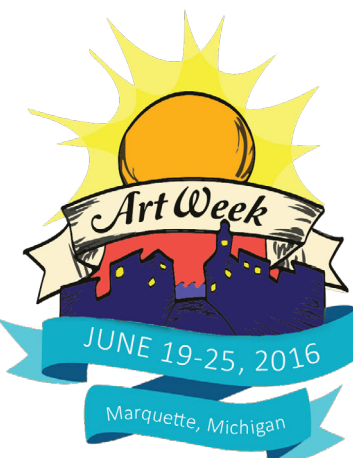
Watercolor Workshop with Carl Mayer

Tuesday, May 24
1-4 p.m. : \$45 registration fee
Students must bring their own supplies and sign up prior to class by calling 906-226-8834.

Marquette Art Week

Set for June 19-25, Art Week is a celebration of the visual and performing arts. This week-long event is a collaborative community effort to highlight artists, arts and culture institutions and the local businesses and galleries who support them.

For detailed events and information, or how you can get involved, contact the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at 906-228-0472 or e-mail arts-culture@mqctcy.org.



Street Performers Wanted

As part of Art Week, the City of Marquette invites all artists to bring the city streets to life with their creative talents. Featured spots are available to artists of all disciplines; visual artists, musicians, poets, actors, dancers, comedians, fortune-tellers, hula-hoopers, clowns and more.

Senior Arts Series – Performing Arts

Experience the visual arts at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center. These classes are open to individuals ages 60+ and cater to a wide variety of skill levels. Participation is FREE to City of Marquette residents, but non-residents are welcome to attend for a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the cost of supplies and instruction. Registration is required for all classes, please call the City Senior Center at 228-0456 to reserve your spot.

Classes

May 3 and 17 – Peyote Beaded Band Ring, with Diane Kribs-May

May 24 and June 21 – Peyote Beaded Bracelet with Diane Kribs-May

These are both two-part projects that requires participants to attend both classes.

Classes are typically offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1-3 p.m. at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (please note that the June Senior Arts project does not follow the routine schedule and instead will take place on the fourth Tuesday of May and third Tuesday of June). All supplies are included, but interested parties must pre-register by contacting the Senior Center at 228-0456.

LSAA and Smallworks Gallery Exhibits

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its May exhibition: The 40th Annual LSAA Members' Show.

This juried exhibit is a celebration of the creative talents found in the Lake Superior Art Association's membership and will feature pieces from a variety of media.

The SmallWorks Gallery will feature an exhibit by Joy Bender Hadley. Joy has become a celebrated teacher in the area, receiving the City of Marquette's Outstanding Art Educator Award in 2015. Her exhibit in May will feature work that varies in media, composition and style, but holistically represents an aura of gratitude. Joy currently works in the Marquette Area Public Schools

and calls the WOW Art Studio her creative home.

The exhibits will run from May 3-27 and there will be an artist reception in conjunction with the 20th Annual Art Awards held on Friday, May 20 from 6-7 p.m. Immediately following the reception, guests are invited to attend the Annual Art Awards Ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to the public with a "black and white" suggested dress code to match the atmosphere of the Annual Art Awards.

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



Art by Joy Bender Hadley



Selection from the LSAA Gallery

2016 Reconstruction Projects

Various street and utility reconstruction projects have been designed by City Engineering staff members and are being instituted for this construction season. These projects meet the intent of the City's Master and Capital Improvement Plans to manage the City's infrastructure assets.

The following are the projects planned for reconstruction this year:

South Front Streetscape Project (Spring Street to Washington Street, east side of street): A street scape upgrade is planned that includes the removal of the existing curbing, brick pavers and concrete sidewalk. The areas removed will be replaced with concrete curbing/sidewalk and colored stamped concrete. Additional street trees will be planted and collars will be set for parking meters. The street will not be closed for reconstruction operations but parking will not be allowed along this block. This project is currently being advertised for bids. Funding is being made available by the Downtown Development Authority. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick.

Street Improvement and Maintenance Projects (SIMP): This is an annual project where streets that warrant heavy maintenance are milled and overlaid. This construction season, as with the past four seasons, 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, Center Street, Cleveland Street, Sherman Street, Meeske Avenue, Van Evera Avenue, Longyear Avenue, Wilkinson Avenue, River Park Circle, West Avenue, Sheridan Avenue, Altamont Street, Baraga Avenue and Pioneer Road. In addition, as part of Lundin funding for use of the County Road 550 and Sugarloaf Avenue corridors, Sugarloaf Avenue and County Road 550 will be upgraded with milling and overlays with high

stress asphalt. We are anticipating construction in July and August. Any questions regarding these projects and the specific street limits can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Program: This is an annual project where streets that require heavy maintenance activities also address those sanitary sewer laterals requiring replacement. Laterals replaced are those that are found to be in poor condition or consist of orangeburg material. Any questions regarding this project and the specific locations can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

Pavement Marking Program Project: This is an annual project where streets that require lane striping and pavement markings are painted to meet the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MMUTCD) standards. Currently the City of Marquette maintains pavement markings for 187 intersections and for approximately 36.5 miles of lane delineation striping. We are anticipating painting to begin in June. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Dan Salmon.

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 1/2 inch 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 May and June. Any questions regarding this project and the specific locations can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick.

Altamont Street Sidewalk Extension Project (Jackson Street to Blemhuber

Avenue): This project is a continuation of the safe routes to school project that was completed in 2013. This project will provide safe access for those children walking to school. The project will construct sidewalk on the west side of Altamont Street. Retaining walls will be constructed for areas with steep side slopes next to the sidewalk. Highly visible pavement markings and signage will be placed as part of this project. This project is scheduled to begin in May or June. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick. This project is currently out for bids.

Jonathan Carver Road: A reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the water main/services, sanitary sewer laterals and extension of storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and asphalt drainage swales will be removed and upgraded with curbing and per our current street standards. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Jim Compton or Keith Whittington.

St. Lussou Drive: A reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the water main/services, sanitary sewer laterals and extension of storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and asphalt drainage swales will be removed and upgraded with curbing and per our current street standards. We are anticipating construction to begin in July or August. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

Spring Street (Third Street to Fifth Street): A reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the storm water utilities, water main upgrades, and sanitary sewer extension. The street surface, subbase, and curbing will be removed and replaced. Currently this section of street is two-way. Plans have been approved to make this a one-way

street. The one-way street will provide additional parking needed in this part of the downtown area. We are anticipating construction to begin in July or August. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Greg Borzick.

Lincoln Avenue and College Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrade: This project will be done in conjunction with our street improvement and maintenance projects. This project will remove the existing traffic signal infrastructure and upgrade it with a box style signal system. Pedestrian countdown signals, crosswalk/pavement markings, sidewalk extension and pavement upgrades are all part of this project. This intersection has been a top priority for the City.

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project: This project is being paid for by funds made available from a Storm water, Asset Management and

Wastewater (SAW) program. This project will televise and clean 141,308 feet of sanitary sewer main and 109,940 feet of storm sewer main. All televising video, pictures and reports will be completed using national standards. Piping will be conditioned, accessed and rated for severity. All the information will be integrated into our GIS system for ease of use by City staff. This project is currently being advertised for bids. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington.

Sanitary and Storm Sewer Structure Condition Assessment Program: This project is being paid by funds made available from a Storm water, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) program. This project will allow City Engineering staff to condition access and obtain hydraulic information for 2,000 sanitary sewer manholes and 3,820 storm sewer structures. All the information will be completed using

national standards. Structures will be conditioned accessed and rated for severity. All the information will be integrated into our GIS system for ease of use by City staff. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington.

The Engineering staff would like to remind the public to be aware of all construction signing, detour routes and the workers while they are traveling near or through any of the construction or work zones. We want to keep everyone safe!

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Preferred Transportation Alternative for the Hospital Relocation Study Project Selected

The successful retention of the hospital in the City limits, and their subsequent commitment to establish a Level II Tertiary Care Facility to serve the entire Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin, requires the modification of the US-41/M-28 highway corridor and local street network.

As a result of many hours of planning, traffic pattern analysis, stakeholder input received on the four previous alternatives and a variety of other information, the project team concluded that Alternative 2 best meets the project goals (i.e., the purpose and need) and minimizes negative impacts with a reasonable construction cost. The project team also believes that Alternative 2 provides substantial mobility and safety benefits to the travelling public. For these reasons, the project team recommended advancement of Alternative 2 (with minor refinements) as the Preferred Alternative.

On March 15, the City of Marquette Planning Commission unanimously recommended that Alternative 2 be

advanced as the Preferred Alternative. On March 17, with a vote of 5-1, the Marquette City Commission passed a resolution supporting the advancement of Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative.

Based on further analysis and input received during outreach activities in February, the Preferred Alternative will also include the following minor changes from the original Alternative 2: The Baraga/McClellan intersection is no longer proposed to be signalized. The two Baraga approaches at this intersection would be stop controlled, and McClellan would free flow. The westbound approach at this intersection would be right turn only, with all other movements proposed to be allowed.

McClellan Avenue would be widened to add a center left turn lane between US-41 and Washington Street.

The traffic signal infrastructure at the Washington/McClellan intersection would be upgraded to accommodate

new signal phasing and timing, which includes protected left turn phases.

At the hospital drive/Baraga Avenue intersection, a compact urban roundabout would be utilized. The roundabout has been modified from what was previously shown in the Alternative 1 early preliminary drawing to include two lanes northbound entering the hospital site.

The information noted above will be documented in much more detail within the Environmental Assessment which is forthcoming, as well as a traffic impact study to follow later in the year.

We appreciate your continued interest and support of this project. If you have any questions or discussion items relative to the project, please feel free to contact the Community Development Department.

This continues to be a great example of multiple agencies working together promptly towards the successful fruition of a big project that will no doubt positively impact countless people.

A map of Alternative 2 can be viewed on the back cover of this issue.

Silver Sampler, Winter

In May of 2015, the Marquette Senior Center received a \$26,000 grant from the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) to assist seniors in the Marquette Senior Center service area explore the outdoor offerings and venues the city has to offer. Winter 2015 kicked off the pilot of the Silver Sampler, Winter and participants were able to sample the best the season had to offer in and around the City of Marquette. Members experienced skating at the Lakeview Arena and snowshoeing through some familiar trails like Presque Isle as well as new trails such as Collinsville. We snow biked on the City bike path and cross country skied at Blueberry Ridge. Members received expert instruction for downhill skiing at Marquette Mountain and were able to experience a special session of Dog Sledding at Snowy Plains Kennels. All members were provided with access to weekly yoga sessions at the Marquette Yoga Center and individual mentoring and coaching. Down Wind Sports and The Sports Rack provided educational sessions and rentals for our group.



such as the Noquegon Cross Country Ski Race or the Polar Roll. The participants were tested before and after the program with a focus on strength, endurance and flexibility. A major component of the grant was to track steps with a goal of at least 10,000 per day. From our results, each member surpassed expectations and many of our members reached over 1,000,000 steps! We encountered many challenges along the way and learned much about ourselves and each other!

The grant will now continue into our Summer Sampler.



Participants ranged in age from 55-68 years old and all fees, instruction and equipment was covered by the grant. In exchange, members volunteered their time at premiere area events



Silver Sampler, Summer- "Try It Tuesdays"

This summer, the Marquette Senior Center will continue the goal of exploring the many venues, pathways, waterways and beauty of the Marquette area through a number of "samples." Residents from the Marquette Senior Center service areas (City of Marquette, Marquette Township, Chocolay Township and Powell Township) will be able to take part in "Try It Tuesdays." Those interested must be at least 55 years of age. These events will range from minimally challenging to very challenging and those interested will be given information on each event with regard to intensity, endurance and agility. All of the events will require the participant to be comfortable being outdoors for a minimum of two hours and not have serious physical issues which would prevent participation in changing conditions.

We are hoping to offer the following samples:

- Tour Biking
- Stand Up Paddle Boarding
- Kayaking
- Hiking
- Orienteering
- Disc Golf
- Rowing
- Yoga for seniors

More opportunities may be added later in the summer. There are limited spaces for each session due to the need to rent equipment and to assure participants are able to have appropriate instruction.

Those interested will need to contact the Marquette Senior Center to put their name on the list for each of the events, and also to obtain additional information on each session. There are certain requirements regarding some events, particularly for those held on water.

There will be a very important informational session for the summer session on Tuesday, May 10 at 1 p.m., in Room B of the Senior Center at 300 W. Spring St. Comfortable shoes are highly recommend as we will follow the informational session with a walk downtown Marquette to Travel Marquette. Please attend this session if you are interested in joining the Silver Sampler this summer.

For more information, call 228-0456.

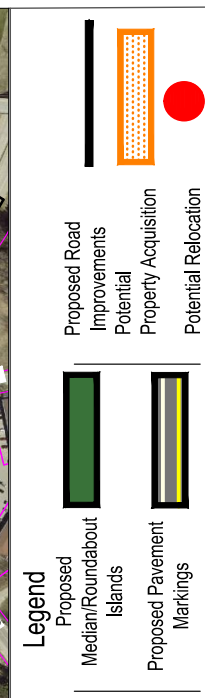
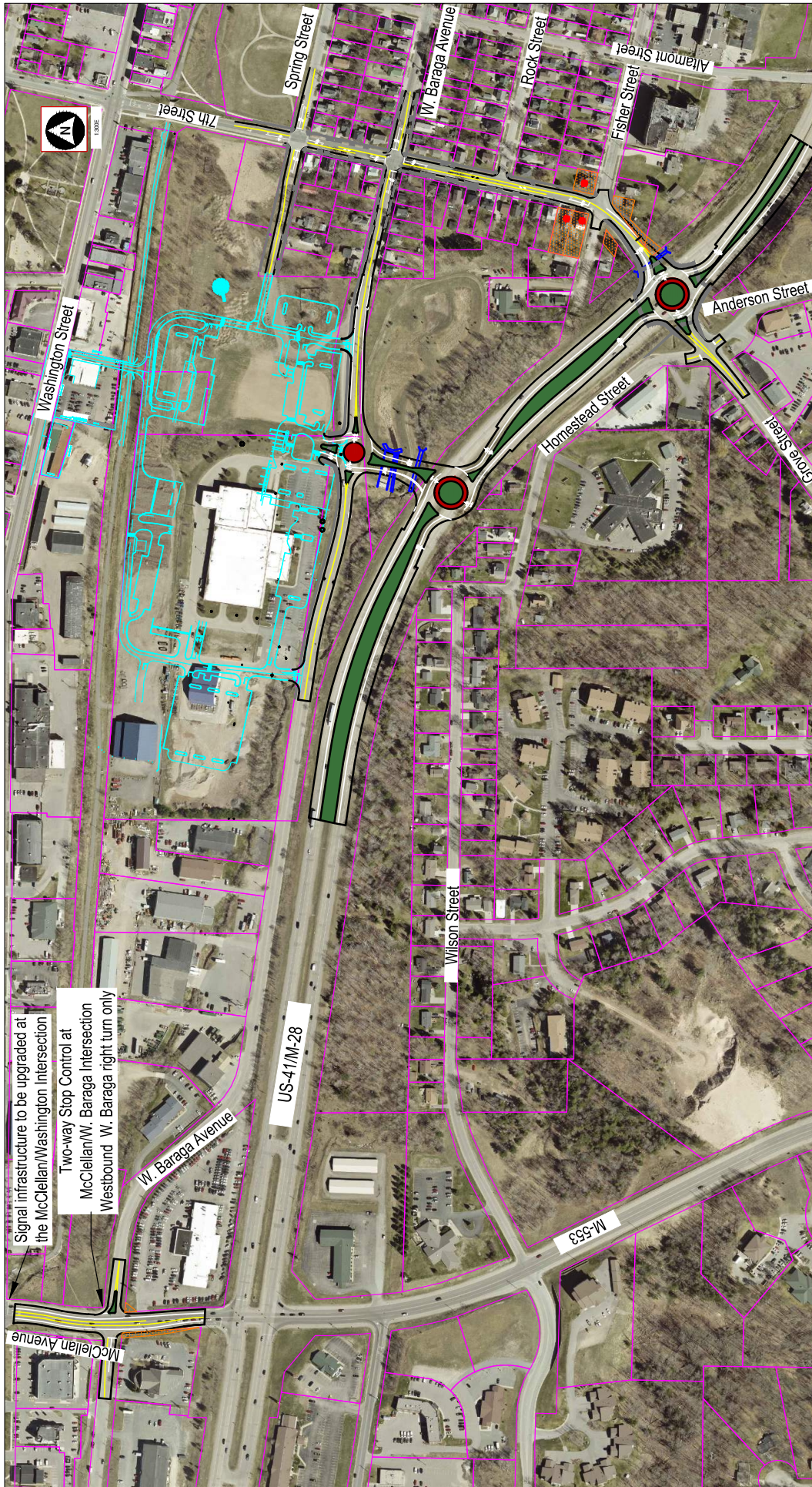


FIGURE 2
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

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*Alternative 2 for the Hospital relocation transportation study.
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