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#### Community Recycling Survey

In the coming weeks, residents of the City of Marquette should expect a community recycling survey to be included with their utility bills. The survey has been prepared by students in the Human Impact on the Environment class at Northern Michigan University this fall.

The students' main goal is to gather information on community recycling habits and make recommendations for improvement. Residents may return this survey by mail with utility bills, drop off at City Hall with utility bills or respond via online survey at this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/1KD1SSZ">http://bit.ly/1KD1SSZ</a>. Survey results are anonymous and no personally identifiable information will be gathered.

# Message from Mike

In each issue, the Marquette City Manager shares his comments in the form of a column. This month we welcome the new City Manager and former Police Chief, Mike Angeli (pictured right) for his inauguaral Blog. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.

A few things have changed—and rather quickly—here at the City since the last time I wrote this blog.

At that time the current City Manager, Bill Vajda, was on vacation and I was filling in for him while he was out.

By the time you read this, if all goes according to plan, I will be the new City Manager as Bill decided to move on.

After over 39 years with the Marquette City Police Department, the last thing I expected was to become the City Manager; however, circumstances dictated otherwise. I grew up in Marquette, attend the Marquette Area Public Schools graduating from Marquette Senior High School in 1973. I attended Northern Michigan University and, after finding my way, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement with a minor in Business Management.

I joined the Marquette City Police Department in 1976, at the ripe old age of 21, and began my career as a Police Support Officer (PSO). It was a non-sworn (I didn't get to carry a gun or make arrests) position, but wore a uniform and worked with the regular officers on patrol. I joined the Police Department at a fortunate time as they were still sending new officers to the police academy. Myself and another PSO were sent to the academy at NMU in the fall of that year and the rest is history. I was apparently smart enough and good enough to move up through the ranks, eventually reaching the position of Chief in 2008.

I didn't make it alone, however. I came from good stock. My father and mother, Mike and Rita Angeli, owned and operated Angeli's Super Valu and eventually a small bakery in Marquette from 1959 until 1998 at the time of my father's passing. My mom still resides in Marquette and is quite active at 85 years old. Both of my parents were very active in the community which transcended down to their six children. I have been wonderfully supported by my wife of 32 years, also a lifelong resident of Marquette, the former Kay Levandoski. An interesting note here is that when we met, Kay worked for my dad at the Super Valu while I worked for her dad who was a Detective Lieutenant at MPD. Kay and I have two children, Mike Ill and Catherine. As you can probably imagine, life as a police officer is not always normal or easy and if not for Kay's commitment and understanding, I wouldn't have been able to grow. There was a lot of shift work, weekends and holidays worked, birthdays missed and many other events that would strain any family, but she (and the kids) made it work for us. And for that, I am thankful.

I had many good role models in the PD that I won't all mention here for the sake of saving space, but if I hadn't been hired by former Chief George Johnson, none of this would be happening. I never planned on being your City Manager, but I feel that I am up to the job and I hope to continue to represent this community well. Wish me luck.

### Welcome, Mr. Manager

As mentioned in his own article above, Mike Angeli has officially taken over the position of City Manager as of the Oct. 13 City Commission meeting. Mike has stepped into the position at a time of need for the City and has shown strong leadership and direction in continuing the projects and directives set forth by the Commission. He is on the cusp of celebrating his 40th year of service with the City, 32 as an officer and the past seven as an immensely popular Chief, and has been drafted into a career change that no one was expecting. Marquette needed a leader who was familiar with the landscape, the people, and the massive undertakings that are being attempted as this article is being published. Mike Angeli is now inexorably tied to this City and its history and we wish him the best of luck in his unorthodox retirement from a distinguished career of police service.

Ab honesto virum bonum nihil deterret-(Nothing deters a good man from doing what is honorable.)
-Seneca



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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, Nov. 9, 2015, 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, 2015, 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.

#### 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: <a href="https://www.mqtcty.org/government.php">www.mqtcty.org/government.php</a>

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Two Openings
  - Board Of Zoning Appeals One Opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee One Opening
- Housing Commission One Opening
- Local Development Finance Authority One Opening
- Local Officers Compensation Commission One Opening
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board
  - One Opening (1 Alternate)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board One Opening
- Planning Commission Two Openings
- Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee One Opening
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee —

— Two Openings

An orientation session for volunteer members of Marquette City authorities, boards and committees will be held on Dec. 3, from 4-5 p.m. in Commission Chambers at City Hall. All appointees are asked to attend at least one session during their tenure. Interested members are asked to contact the City Manager's Office.

# Holiday Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library); and the Municipal Service Center, 850 W. Baraga Ave. will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27; Thursday and Friday, Dec. 24 and 25; and Thursday and Friday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2016, for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays, respectively. The Fire and Police Departments will remain open and staffed during these times.

### 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 Nov. 11 and Dec. 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.

#### Winter Parking Ban

Marquette City residents, NMU students, and visitors are reminded the City's winter parking ban will be in effect beginning Nov. 1. The winter parking ban requires owners of vehicles to find off-street parking between the hours of 1 and 6 a.m. daily. The winter parking ban will be in effect until April 1, 2016. The fine for violating the parking ban is \$50. Marquette residents are encouraged to find alternate off-street parking before the parking ban goes into effect.

#### November General Election

At the City General Election to be held on Nov. 3, City voters will elect two of four candidates that will serve three-year terms on the City Commission. Also, two of four candidates for the Board of Light and Power (BLP) will be elected to serve three-year terms on the BLP.

Candidates for the City Commission are: | Candidates for the Board of Light and Power are:

- Sara Cambensy
- Meredith Lyons
- Mike Plourde
- Jason Zdunek

- John Braamse
- Jerry Irby
- David A. Puskala
- Kenneth C. Wanberg

City of Marquette polling places for this election are as follows:

Precincts 1 and 2: Baraga Gym At City Hall Precincts 3, 4, and 5: Marquette Armory

Precincts 6 & 7: **YMCA** 



Kris Hazeres, Marquette City Clerk

In accordance with state law, the polls will open at 7 a.m. in the morning and be open continuously until 8 p.m. in the evening. Every qualified voter that is in line at the polls before 8 p.m. will be allowed to vote. A voting precinct map with polling locations can be found on the back cover of this newsletter.

#### Off-Leash Area (OLA) Registration

The City's off-leash area, located at Tourist Park, is open to the public from Nov. 1 through April 30 each year. There will be no OLA permit sales from Oct. 28 through Nov. 7 because of the November General Election. Anyone interested in obtaining OLA permits can register at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall and must bring your current dog license. If you don't have a current dog license, the City Clerk's Office can issue one as long as you have an up-to-date rabies certificate. Annual fees for the OLA permits are unchanged for the 2015-16 season with resident fees set at \$12 per dog and non-resident fees set at \$20 per dog.



#### Water Meter Winter Access

Please take an extra few minutes to clear a path to your touchpad (shown below) as you snowblow, shovel, or plow your home or business. The water meter readers must physically touch the center of the touchpad with their electronic reader to obtain a reading. If this is not possible, your reading and bill will be estimated for that billing period. If your meter is located behind a gate that is normally kept locked or becomes snowed in during winter, please call Utility Billing at 906-228-0420 to have your touchpad relocated. There is no charge to have the touchpad moved.



# 'Winter Snow Fun' Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting



Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the fifth annual 'Winter Snow Fun' Holiday Parade, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 3, at 6 p.m. in Marquette's Downtown District. Bundle up with friends and family as illuminated floats, tinsel-strewn trucks and colorful carolers transform Third Street into a magical scene from the North Pole. The parade will begin at the

corner of North Third Street and Fair Avenue and end at the Marquette Commons.

The United States Postal Service will be collecting letters to Santa along the parade route. Letters should include a return address.

After the parade, spectators are welcomed to the Marquette Commons where Santa Claus and friends will light up Downtown at the 40th annual City of Marquette Tree Lighting. The Tree Lighting will include performances by the Marquette Redman Chorale, pony rides and photos with Santa.

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority invites you to become a part of the magic by entering a decorated float, vehicle or marching unit with your business, organization or group. In the spirit of giving, there is no fee to participate, equating to free advertising for your business or organization to more than 1,000 spec-

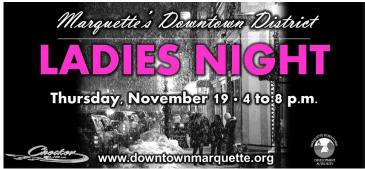


# 19th Annual Ladies Night

The 19th annual Ladies Night is set for Thursday, Nov. 19 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Downtown Marquette. Enjoy a night of shopping, delicacies, entertainment and fun as Ladies Night provides the perfect opportunity to spend a night on the town in Marquette's Downtown District. Participating businesses pamper customers with in-store giveaways, hors d'oeuvres, sales, specials, prizes and more.

tators of all ages. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Nov. 24.

Checker Transport will once again be providing complimentary transportation for the evening. Ladies can take advantage of this opportunity to explore everything Marquette's Downtown District has to offer. Shoppers can also register to win custom gift baskets each valued between \$400-\$600 and stocked full of gift certificates and goods from participating businesses.



### 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 <a href="http://www.downtownmarguette.org">http://www.downtownmarguette.org</a>.

### New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Ring in the New Year at the 26th annual New Year's Eve Ball Drop in Downtown Marquette on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Count down to midnight with friends and family and watch as the illuminated ball is lowered from the historic Savings Bank Building on the corner of Front and Washington Streets. Share in the magic of the 12th strike marking the beginning of 2016 at this family friendly community celebration.

# Public Skating for the 2015/2016 Season at Lakeview Arena

Lakeview Arena has opened for the 2015/2016 ice season and public skating is back in session. Public skating includes Open Skating (all ages), Preschool/Parent & Senior Skate, Senior/Adult Skate, Drop-In Hockey, and Drop-In Figure Skating.

Lakeview Arena Public Skating Hours

Drop-In Figure Skating Monday-Friday 9-9:50 a.m. Preschool/Parent & Senior Citizen Monday- Friday 10-11:20 a.m.

Drop-In Hockey Monday-Friday 11:30-12:50 p.m. Public Skate Everyday 1-2:50 p.m.

Senior/Adult Skate (18 & Older)\* Monday 7:30-9:20 p.m.

\*Free to Marquette City Senior Residents with ID

Note: The schedule may be affected by tournaments or other events at Lakeview Arena. Please watch for Public Service Announcements and the Lakeview Arena Facebook page for any updates or cancellations.

#### Lakeview Arena Public Skating Prices

| Day Passes (per session) | <u>Resident</u> | Non-Resident |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Youth (12 & Under)       | \$2             | \$2.50       |
| Senior (50 & Over)       | \$2<br>\$3      | \$2.50       |
| Adult                    | \$3             | \$3.75       |
| Skate Rental             | \$3             | \$3          |
| Skate Aide Rental        | \$2             | \$2          |
| Drop In Hockey           | \$5             | \$6          |
| Drop In Figure Skating   | \$4             | \$5          |
| Birthday Day Room Event  | \$20            | \$25         |



| Punch Cards                            | <u>Resident</u> | Non-Resident            | Season Passes  | <u>Resident</u> | Non-Resident |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Public Skating Youth/Senior            | \$10            | \$12.50                 | Public Skate   | \$70            | \$91         |
| Public Skating Adult<br>Drop In Hockey | \$15<br>\$25    | \$18.75<br>\$30<br>\$25 | Drop In Hockey | \$70            | \$91         |
| Drop In Figure Skating                 | •               |                         | Drop In Figure | \$60            | \$78         |
| 1 3 3                                  |                 |                         | Skating        |                 |              |

Season passes are a great investment for the regular attendee for any public skating session. These passes pay themselves off very quickly and allow the customer to skate without having to pay admission every time they check in. Punch cards are new this season and they are a pass with six admission punches for the price of five. These passes are convenient and fast for the customer who may not want to commit to the season pass. These passes are available in the Parks and Recreation Office Monday through Friday 8-5 p.m., and make a great gift as well!

### The Iron Rangers Return to the Ice at Lakeview Arena

The last senior men's Iron Rangers game took place at Lakeview Arena in 1976. Since then, Lakeview Arena has been the home for multiple high level teams including, Northern Michigan University, the Junior A Marquette Rangers, and the current Junior A Marquette Royales. Now the Iron Rangers are back and they will join the Great Lakes Hockey League with other historical teams and past foes. One of these teams is the Portage Lake Pioneers, the oldest known professional team in existence and a past rival. The puck will drop again Nov. 6, 7, and 8 at Lakeview Arena for the Iron Rangers as they take on the Calumet Wolverines. There will also be a special guest appearance by the Hanson (Carlson) brothers

from the movie "Slap Shot" to usher in the new era.



The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center 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@mqtcty.org.



# Fifteenth Annual Holiday Art Sale



Heather Lindquist, and Cindy Wedig.

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is proud to announce the 2015 Holiday Art Sale, held on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. This sale will take place at the MACC, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front St. The sale will stretch through all of the MACC three workshop spaces and into the Community Room.

There will be over 30 artists exhibiting their work for the sale in a variety of the following medium: wood, glass, metal, fibers/wearable art, painting, jewelry,

ceramics, sculpture, photography, and Christmas décor.

The following artists will be exhibiting their work in the 2015 Holiday Art Sale juried event:

Eli Brooks, Catherine Brunet, Libby Buchler, Paulette Carr, Beth Cox, Amber Edmondson, Elaine Eikenberry, Amy Forsell, Jenny Frein, John French, Jackie Gallagher, Connie Hedmark, Norm Hefke, Marc Himes, Georgie Hurst, Karen Jilbert, Kay Johnson, Sherri Johnson, Marilyn Keefe, Beverly Kozel, Reneé Kirchenwitz, Katie Lancaster, Zach Wiese, Terri Merrick, Reneé Michaud, Christopher Moore, Ron Morgan, Paul Nelson, Judy Parlato, David Payant, Judy Sarosik, JoAnn Shelby, D. Shields, Diane Simonson, Terri Smith,

For more information or questions, please contact 906-228-0472 or email <a href="mailto:arts-culture@mailt

#### **Upcoming Exhibits:**

#### **November/December**

LSAA Gallery- Bernie Park, oil paintings

#### December

SmallWorks- Corey Kelly, photography

#### **January**

LSAA Gallery- Rachel May

SmallWorks- Andrea Scarpino,

U.P. Poet Laureatte

#### November Exhibit: Joann Shelby

The November SmallWorks Gallery will feature artwork by artist Joann Shelby. Shelby, a Fine Arts graduate from Michigan State University, specializes in alcohol based inks with a focus on nature subjects.

The SmallWorks exhibit will be available for viewing Nov. 3-27. There will be a combined artist reception on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



### LSAA Gallery: Paul Nelson, "The Shores of Gitche Gumee"

Paul Nelson, photographer, now a retired Civil Engineer, has been studying photography for eight years including attending lectures in the Upper Peninsula and in California.

The LSAA Gallery is located in the Marquette Arts and Culture Center. The installation will be running until Nov. 19 with an artist reception on Thursday, Nov. 5 at 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



#### The Senior Art Series

Senior Arts is offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month. A new professional artist is brought in each month to instruct this successful program for Seniors. Each month a new professional artist will lead the group. Non-city seniors will be asked to make a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the costs of supplies and instruction. Students must pre-register through the Senior Center at 228-0456. Both classes are 1-3 p.m.

Tues – Nov. 3 Wood Burning with Angel Potts (class size 10 students)

Tues – Nov. 17 Zentangle with GG Gordon (class size up to 20 students)

### Intermediate Watercolor

Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

\$45 registration fee

Students will bring their own supplies and sign up prior to class at 906-228-0472.

# Senior Center presents the Silver Sampler Program

The Marquette Senior Center in partnership with the Michigan Recreation & Park Association is excited to offer a very unique program for area seniors - The Silver Sampler. Community members ages 55+ will be able to take a "taste" of the best recreation opportunities in and around the City of Marquette at NO COST! As a pilot program, The Silver Sampler's goal is to support community members who hope to become more physically active, more involved in our beautiful outdoors, and experience more fully the exciting sports and activities that Marquette has to offer. The Silver Sampler will enable program members to "sample" both winter and summer activities under the guidance of experts and with the ongoing support of community mentors in safe and supportive small group venues.

The winter sampler will offer sessions in skating, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, snow biking, snowshoeing, fitness conditioning and fitness tracking via the Mystride activity monitor. The summer sampler will offer samples of kayaking, stand up

paddle boarding, rowing, tour biking and consultation on trail running and mountain biking. Fitness conditioning and fitness tracking will continue during the summer session. Members are encouraged to sample at least two offerings along with the fitness conditioning and fitness tracking, but may sample all of the offerings.

The Silver Sampler is now offering applications to participate in the Winter Sampler. The program is limited to 15 members. Applicants must be within the Marquette Senior Center service area (City of Marquette, Marquette Township, Powell Township, and Chocolay Township). Applicants should be in good general health with the ability to be comfortable in outdoor temperatures and venues.

To obtain more information and to request an application, please call the Marquette Senior Center at 906-228-0456.

### Medicare Open Enrollment

The Marquette Senior Center is pleased to announce that their social work staff will be offering Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) assistance again this year. As MMAP counselors they are available to assist seniors in the Marquette Senior Center service area with important and often confusing decisions pertaining to health insurance. MMAP counselors are trained in health benefits counseling, including Medicare, Medicaid and other insurance products. The social work staff is not licensed as insurance agents and does not advocate for any insurance company. The social workers can help you:

Understand Medicare and Medicaid:

- Compare and enroll in Medicare Part D or Medicare Advantage plans.
- Review your Medicare Supplemental Insurance needs.
- Apply for Medicaid or a Medicare Savings Program.
- Determine Eligibility and apply for Low Income Subsidy Assistance.
- Identify and Report Medicare and Medicaid fraud, abuse, or scams.

Anyone who joined a Medicare prescription drug plan last year will soon receive an Annual Notice of Change from the company with which they have drug coverage. Please read this carefully, as this notice will identify whether the plan is changing their premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and/or the medications they will cover. You will need to make sure that the medications you are currently taking will still be covered by your plan in 2016. If you need help understanding the notice, call an MMAP counselor for assistance.



Beneficiaries should take the time to answer these questions:

- 1. Cost: Will your premium and costs change significantly in 2016?
- 2. Coverage: Do you need more coverage in 2016? Will the prescriptions you are taking be covered by your current plan in 2016?
- 3. Customer Service: Are you satisfied with your plan's service?
- 4. Options: Are there better plans available for my specific needs?

This year the annual enrollment period for Medicare prescription drug plans is Oct. 15 – Dec. 7. Everyone should have their plan reviewed at this time because of changes that may adversely affect your coverage. For those who have opted not to join a plan in the past, now is also the time to see if enrollment into a plan would be beneficial. For those seniors who are turning 65, the social work staff can assist you with understanding your options and provide you with the background information you will need to enroll for the first time.

If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact the Senior Center today at 906-228-0456.

# Help Feed A Hungry Neighbor

The Marquette Senior Center is teaming up with TV 6 to Help Feed A Hungry Neighbor. Drop boxes are placed throughout the Senior Center for your non-perishable food donations.

Last year, over 142,000 pounds of food was donated in 10 Upper Michigan counties. Since the event began in 1982, the people of Upper Michigan have donated over 3.19 million pounds of food to their local food pantries. The food stays in the communities in which it is collected, with the goal being to help feed a hungry neighbor.

The Canathon kicks off on Monday, Nov. 10 and wraps up on Wednesday, Dec. 2. Please drop off your non-perishable food donation items to the drop box located right outside the Center office anytime Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.



### Celebrate the Holidays

The Marquette Senior Center, in partnership with Little Brothers- Friends of the Elderly, is pleased to extend an invitation to Celebrate the Holidays featuring delicious home cooked meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The meal will take place on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, and on Christmas Day, Friday, Dec. 25, at 1 p.m., at St. Christopher Church, 2372 Badger St. in Marquette.

There will be a traditional and delicious home-cooked holiday meal, entertainment, and plenty of conversation at both events being offered to area seniors ages 60 and older. There is no charge for this event.

Transportation is available to and from the holiday meal and, new this year, home delivery in limited areas.

Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly at 906-482-6944.

Volunteers are also needed for both holiday meals. If you would like to cook, bake, set-up, transport a senior, serve, provide entertainment, or help clean-up please call Little Brothers at 906-482-6944.

### That Time Again, Winter Tax Bills

Property taxes are billed in two installments, July 1 (summer taxes) and Dec. 1 (winter taxes).

Winter tax bills will be mailed to Marquette City property owners Nov. 30 and tax collection begins Dec. 1, 2015. Payments are accepted at the City Treasurer's office without penalty through Feb. 14, 2016 after which a penalty of 3% is added to the winter tax bill. On March 1, all taxes become delinquent and are assessed additional penalties. Real property taxes are transferred to the County Treasurer for collection and personal property taxes (business) are retained by our office.



SeniorLiving.Org

The 2015 winter property tax bill represents millage levies for Marquette County Transit, County Aging, County M.O.E., County Dispatch, County Rescue, and County Veterans Affairs.

For property owners you can look up current tax information free of charge. You will need to set up an account before accessing Assessing or Current Tax menu. Non-property owners can access the information for a \$2.00 fee per property.

The City Treasurer's office takes payments in cash, check, credit card, and e-checks.

Credit card payments can be made in the office along with cash and check, by phone you can use credit card by calling 1-855-246-9466 or by going to www.mqtcty.org – click on the Property Lookup & Online Payment on the left hand side. These payments are subject to the following fees:

#### Credit Card:

3% convenience fee with a \$2.00 minimum. E-Check: \$3.00 fee for up to \$9,999.99 \$10.00 fee for \$10,000.00 and over

Taxpayers may also apply for automatic payment of the taxes; forms are available on the website matchy.org or in the office.

# Thanksgiving Safety



Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.

Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently. Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.

Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.

Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over clutter.

Keep knives out of the reach of children.

Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children (i.e. up high in a locked cabinet). Never leave a room with a lit candle.

Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

The Marquette City Fire Department urges extreme caution in the use of outdoor gas fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries, fires, and the destruction of property.

For more information please visit www.nfpa.org/education.



Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside



Photo provided by Lafayette Township Fire Department, Medino, Ohio

#### Lakeshore Boulevard to Remain Open Year-Round

The City would like to announce that the entire stretch of Lakeshore Boulevard will be remain open for the 2015-2016 winter season. Last year, the City made the decision to close the stretch of road in between Wright and Hawley Streets because of rocks, debris, ice, and heavy snowfall on the road. Public demand has demonstrated that the preferred option for the City this year would be to keep the road and bike path cleared and open to the public.

Moving forward, the City will maintain and clear the road and bike path year-round with only short term closure as needed.

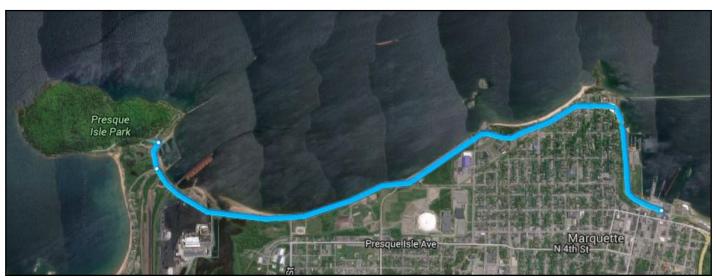


Photo taken from Google Maps

mqtcty.org, or the City Manager's Office at 906-228-0435.

