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Bill's Blog

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



The importance of Duke LifePoint's decision to locate their new hospital facility in Marquette will extend far beyond the provision of modern state-of-the-art medical care to our residents and regional community. Officials with Duke LifePoint announced that the new \$280 million facility will open within the next three years and create hundreds of local jobs. Most residents in the community responded with welcome relief, although some expressed "wait and see" ambivalence, reflecting concern that the "cost" of the agreement ultimately must generate value for the community.

So, what economic value will the new hospital generate? Hospital care remains the largest component of our local healthcare economic cluster, and is also the fastest growing segment of the U.S. economy. For over 125 years, Marquette General Hospital has been an economic cornerstone within the City, providing excellent services and steady growth even during turbulent economic times. Successful communities require high quality health care services to attract and retain businesses, residents, and foster economic growth. Today, nearly one out of every 10 local workers is employed in a healthcare profession.

The goods and services hospitals and their employees purchase from other local businesses create additional economic value, including the improvement or construction of new downtown businesses, the purchase of family homes – all of which will also contribute taxes to the City, schools, library, and other critical community activities and institutions.

In addition to the immediate economic construction impact – I.E., \$280 million of new property development, and hundreds of new local constructions jobs created during the 3-4 year building cycle, the lasting value will be expressed through multiple "ripple effects" as measured by the U.S. Government and the American Hospital Association.

It is estimated that each hospital job creates one more job within the economy, and that each dollar spent by a hospital creates roughly \$1.80 of additional economic activity. Per the implementation agreement approved by the State of Michigan Attorney General, the projected result will be an approximate 500 job increase or more. If the hospital has an annual operating budget of \$300 million, the impact to the local economy will be approximately \$500M per year, or approximately one third of the total value of the U.P. Healthcare sector.

The City and State share a common interest in economic growth and development. The state provides financing and incentives for redevelopment of "Brownfield" properties – I.E., land with long histories of heavy industry, large-scale manufacturing activity, or other non-commercial public use - because of the greater economic value created through re-use and redevelopment. The establishment of a Brownfield project will allow the City to keep a greater proportion of the taxes paid by DLP as the State investment match. As a result, the taxes paid by DLP will be used to finance public improvements, including upgrades to road and transportation infrastructure, public utilities, and relocation of existing municipal facilities. It is estimated that the new hospital will generate \$126 million of taxes in the first 25-30 years of its operating life, with a corresponding Brownfield Project cost of \$77.7 million.

Are there a lot of moving parts? Yes. The decision to locate the new Duke LifePoint Hospital in downtown Marquette creates the opportunity for historic renewal.

We stand at the start of the process, knowing that access to high-quality modern healthcare will not only enhance the well-being of residents, but improve the City's ability to retain and attract additional businesses and grow. Marquette will realize additional business activity, job creation and renewed strength in a mainstay of our local economy.

Bill's Blog in this issue will be the first of three articles which discuss the DLP project. Next in the series: Gary Simpson, Marquette CFO, describing the financial planning and associated administrative actions supporting the DLP Memorandum of Understanding.



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City Commission Meetings

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

Regular Meetings:

- Monday, Nov. 10, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Nov. 24, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, 7 p.m.**

Meetings are televised on local (Charter) 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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City Welcomes New Assessor

Former City Assessor Susan Bovan completed her tenure with Marquette this past July. Effective Sept. 30, Miles Anderson was hired as the new City Assessor. Miles has over 30 years of experience in governmental assessment administration and private sector fee appraisal work. He has the following credentials from the State of Michigan - Level IV Assessor, Personal Property Examiner, Certified General Appraiser.



Pictured: Miles Anderson

He is a senior national instructor for the International Association of Assessing Officers. In his free time he enjoys running and trying to teach his golden retriever to fetch and not chase squirrels. Miles can be reached at City Hall, Monday through Wednesday, by calling 225-8378.

Christmas Tree Drop-Off Sites

Properties paying the "Garbage" fee on their monthly bills (green bag users) are eligible to use two Christmas tree drop-off sites. Owners and tenants of properties not paying the fee should contact their regular waste hauler for service. These sites are supported by fees, not taxes.

Beginning Dec. 26, 2014 and continuing through Jan. 14, 2015 there will be two drop-off sites available for Christmas tree disposal.

One site is located at the west end of the Lakeview Arena parking lot. The second site is located east of 850 W. Baraga Ave. Access can be obtained from Baraga Avenue or West Spring Street. Users are asked to place trees inside of the orange fencing at both sites.

Please remove all decorations and stands before disposing of your tree inside the orange fencing.

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, 2015. 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.

Public Skating Hours Announced

The Public Skating schedule for the 2014-15 season has been announced as follows:

- Drop-In Figure Skating: Monday – Friday, 9 - 9:50 a.m.
- Preschool/Parent & Senior Citizens: Monday – Friday, 10 - 11:20 a.m.
- Drop-In Hockey: Monday – Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:50 p.m.
- Public Skate (all ages): Monday – Sunday, 1 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.
- Senior/Adult Skate (18 & older): Monday, 7:30 - 9:20 p.m. (Free to City senior residents with identification)

The schedule may be affected by tournaments and holidays. Please check the City website at www.mqtcity.org or call the Lakeview Arena office at 228-0460 for additional information.

2014 General Election

At the City General Election to be held on Nov. 4, City voters will elect three of six 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. Please note that there will be a number of other elected offices and propositions on the ballot as this is a statewide election.



Pictured: City Clerk Dave Bleau

Candidates for the City Commission are:

Thomas Baldini
 Michael Conley
 Peter White Frazier
 Craig Miller
 Adam Robarge
 Jesse Schramm

Candidates for the Board of Light and Power are:

David Carlson
 Jerry Irby
 Tom Tourville
 Kenneth Wanberg

The City's Election Board met on Oct. 29 to conduct mandatory testing (Public Accuracy Test) of the City's election equipment. The Clerk's Office also conducts training for election workers and precinct chairs and vice chairs just prior to the election. Anyone with questions can contact the Clerk's Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week.

For more 2014 election information, please visit the Clerk's page on the City website at <http://www.mqtcty.org/clerk.php>.

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 2014-15 season with resident fees set at \$12 per dog and non-resident fees set at \$20 per dog.

Holiday Closures

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. 27 and 28; Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 24 and 25; and Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1, 2015, for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays, respectively. The Fire and Police Departments will remain open and staffed during these times.

Interested in serving your community?

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

- Aging Services Advisory Committee—Four openings
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee—Two openings
- Board of Review (as of 2-1-15)—One opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee—Two openings
- Local Officers Compensation Commission—Three openings
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board—One full-member opening and one alternate opening
- Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority—Two openings
- Marquette Housing Commission—One opening
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board—Two openings
- Planning Commission—Three openings
- Police/Fire Pension Board—One opening
- Sister City Advisory Committee—Six openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee—Three openings

Winter Hours at City Hall

City Hall offices open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For operating hours of all City departments and facilities, please visit our website at www.mqtcty.org/contact_us.html.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Bill Vajda 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 meeting is intended to provide an informal opportunity to discuss issues within the community, and to give citizens the opportunity for direct dialogue with City staff about interests and concerns.

Ladies Night Returns to Downtown Marquette

Indulge in a night of shopping, delicacies, entertainment and fun at the 18th annual Ladies Night on Thursday, Nov. 13, from 4 to 8 p.m. Ladies Night provides the perfect opportunity to spend a night on the town as you primp, shop and sip your way through Marquette's Downtown District. Dress to impress and treat yourself to some much deserved retail therapy as participating businesses pamper customers with in-store giveaways, hors d'oeuvres, sales, specials, prizes and more. Travel in luxury as Checker Transportation provides complimentary limousine rides to stops throughout the district. Shoppers can also register for one of three custom gift baskets valued at \$700 each and stocked full of gift certificates and goods from participating businesses. To register, ladies can stop by one of our distribution centers located throughout the district during the event to pick up an official Ladies Night Passport. Passports will be available with a donation of \$2, with all proceeds benefitting the Marquette Women's Center.



Winter Snow Fun Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony



Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the third annual Downtown Marquette 'Winter Snow Fun' Holiday Parade, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. 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. After the parade, spectators are welcomed to the Marquette Commons where Santa Claus and friends will light up Downtown at the 39th annual City of Marquette Tree Lighting Ceremony. Festivities include hot chocolate and photos with Santa Claus.

The Downtown Development Authority is extending an invitation to all local businesses, organizations, musicians and bands to enter a decorated float, vehicle or marching unit into the parade. There is no cost to participate. If interested in entering the parade, contact the Downtown Development Authority before Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Downtown Marquette Late Fall Farmers Market

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority is excited to sponsor the Downtown Marquette Late Fall Farmers Market. The market will be held inside the Marquette Commons building, at 112 S. Third St. so you can continue shopping from the large variety of local, independent, creative businesses at the market. Beginning Saturday, Nov. 1 and every Saturday through Dec. 20, the market will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Commons building is heated, has a beautiful stone fireplace, and will be filled with fabulous artisans and food-producing vendors. The attached walkthrough area is also heated and will be filled with farmers and their abundance of delicious small farm produced foods.



Beginning Saturday, Nov. 1 and every Saturday through Dec. 20, the market will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Commons building is heated, has a beautiful stone fireplace, and will be filled with fabulous artisans and food-producing vendors. The attached walkthrough area is also heated and will be filled with farmers and their abundance of delicious small farm produced foods.

What can you expect to find at the Late Fall Farmers Market? The long list includes lots of late season, cold weather, storage produce like: beets, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, parsnips, pumpkins, squash, rutabagas and turnips. There will also be: eggs, meat, honey, pancake mixes, maple syrup, jams, cacao bean to bar chocolate (crafted right here in Marquette!), wine (and wine tasting), locally roasted coffee, cinnamon rolls, breads and cakes; many of the items you enjoy for cozy fall meals and spectacular holiday celebrations. Sounds like the makings for many delicious meals and memories!

Shopping at the Downtown Marquette Late Fall Farmers Market is the one stop place for late fall decorating and gift-giving. You will find: leather goods, wood crafts, locally made soaps and body care products, photos and fun wearable fabric art, jewelry, fall and Christmas wreaths, stocking stuffers and many unique handcrafted gift quality items, even locally forged knives. See you at the market!

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 2015 at this family friendly community celebration.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

The Marquette City Fire Department wants to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks as we "Fall Back" on Nov. 2.



Police Utilizing New Statewide Records Management System

Beginning Oct. 1, the Marquette City Police Department started using a new records management system called SRMS. SRMS stands for Statewide Records Management System. Currently there are over 80 other agencies throughout the state of Michigan using this system with more agencies expected to soon follow suit. Six of the nine law enforcement agencies in Marquette County are currently using this system.

Crime doesn't stop or end at the city limits. We often find that crimes committed in the City of Marquette are committed by the same people who commit crimes in other jurisdictions. Law enforcement agencies using this records management system will now have the ability to share data and information on complaints that are being handled in every jurisdiction using the application. What this means is, the Marquette City Police Department now has access to other agency files and the ability to cross reference open investigations with investigations being conducted in other jurisdictions that may involve the same people, vehicles, or property. There is also access to property files so agencies will know if recovered property has been reported stolen or lost with other police agencies. In short, this will result in fewer phone calls and emails, making it easier to conduct effective investigations.

The system is expected to create less redundancy and more efficiency for the officers and office staff.

The Marquette Police Department is currently going through a process to complete the transition from the old records management system. Huge strides have been made in a short period of time, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

MPD Introduces New Bomb Dog

The Marquette City Police Department recently swore in the newest member of their team. K-9 Nitro is the third dog on staff in the City of Marquette, but has a different role than the other two dogs. The 15-month-old black lab serves a single purpose as an Explosives Detection canine.

Nitro was acquired from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department back in May and has endured extensive training ever since. He was trained by his handlers, Officer Todd Collins and Sergeant Marty Munger, who is a certified trainer. He was then certified by the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers in October. Each dog is required to complete 16 hours of training per month to remain certified and on staff.

Nitro began his patrol duties in October and works seven days a week for the Marquette City Police. He is one of the few Explosives Detection canines in the Upper Peninsula and is available to assist other agencies as needed.



Pictured (left to right): Officer Todd Collins, Sergeant Marty Munger and K-9 Nitro

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@mqctcy.org.



November SmallWorks Exhibit: Carol Phillips

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its November SmallWorks exhibition: *Disconnected, Reconnected* by Carol Phillips. This exhibit is composed of oil and mixed media paintings.

Phillips has studied art at the University of Idaho, Sun Valley Center for Arts and Humanities and received her BFA from the University of Washington. In 2002 she received her certification in art education from Northern Michigan University and teaches art at Powell Township School in Big Bay, Mich. Phillips is the curator of visual art for the City of Marquette gallery venues and is the director of a nonprofit organization for the art enrichment of rural children, Liberty Children's Art Project.



The show will be running from Nov. 2 to Nov. 29 and there will be an artist reception on Thursday, Nov. 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

First Thursday Series Presents: All Strings Considered

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center presents the band, *All Strings Considered*, on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend this free concert held in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front Street in Marquette, Mich.

The group was formed in 2007 from the Old-Time Acoustic Jam at the Hiawatha Music Festival. The band's style is inspired by the instruments and vocals of the Appalachian region with a mix of Celtic and Scandinavian styles. The band members are Jamie Kitchel on fiddle, Rochelle Schuster on hammered dulcimer, Phil Watts on guitar, Annette Watts on autoharp and Maggie Morgan on bass.

Pictured right: All Strings Considered



December Exhibits: Brian Kakas and Karen Jilbert

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its December Main Gallery exhibition: *Tectonic Perceptions* by artist Brian Kakas. Kakas is an Assistant Professor of Ceramics at Northern Michigan University. He has a Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from the University of Notre Dame and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Montana. Kakas has had numerous solo and group exhibitions in China, South Korea, Australia, Indonesia, Romania and the United States. This installation is an exploration between traditional and contemporary ceramic arts.

The SmallWorks Gallery will feature paintings by local artist, Karen Jilbert. Jilbert is a member of the Lake Superior Art Association, Bay Area Art Association, International Society of Experimental Artists and Zero Degrees Artist Cooperative. Jilbert explores different mediums including oils, stained glass, porcelain painting, fabric art, watercolor and acrylics.

The shows will be running from Dec. 1 to Jan. 4 and there will be an artist reception on Thursday, Dec. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Check out page 11 for upcoming opportunities for performers and instructors!

14th Annual Holiday Art Sale

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is proud to announce the 14th Annual Holiday Art Sale on Saturday, Nov. 22 in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. Artists from across the Upper Peninsula will be exhibiting all types of media including woodworking, jewelry, photography, origami, ceramics, Christmas décor and more. This show was juried to ensure a vast variety of high quality artwork available for purchase.

The Holiday Art Sale is another one of Marquette's valuable events put on for the community. With 40 artists presented together it is a great opportunity to complete your gift lists with homemade goods just in time for the holidays. There has never been a better time to shop local, and with the flexible hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. the Holiday Art Sale will be available to everyone.

Artists presenting this year are Judy Sarosik, Leigh DiFulvio, Chris Moore, Renee Kirchenwitz, Emily Lanctot, Justin Savu, Pat Frenn, Kelly Limberg, Connie Hedmark, Mary Schetter Andrela, Karen Jilbert, Judy Parlato, David Payant, Beth Cox, Ron Morgan, Wendy Johnson, Penny Mellen, Geraldine LeMoine, Katie Lancaster, Terri Smith, Andrea Marsh, Lisa and Kay Johnson, Suzanne Fraker, Sue Hubbard, Amber Edmondson, Eli Brooks, Elaine Brown, D. Shields, Tom Doman, Michelle Dupras, Marilyn Keefe, Cindy Wedig, Libby Buchler, Alex Tadder, Gordon Gearheart, Heather Lindquist, Alexandra Kralova and Terri Merrick.



City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Workshop Calendar

Senior Ballroom Dancing with Marge Sklar

Wednesdays, Nov. 5 and 19, Dec. 3 and 17, 1-2 p.m.

Free for seniors, no need to register.

Senior Art Social

Second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. (Nov. 11 and Dec. 9)

Taking place after monthly tours, join fellow seniors for informative demonstration and lecture by a local or regional artist. Refreshments will be served and there will be an opportunity for discussion and a question and answer session.

Gallery Tours

Second Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. (Nov. 11 and Dec. 9)

Arts and Culture Manager Tiina Harris will guide guests on a free tour of both the SmallWorks and the Main Gallery. All ages!

Holiday Watercolor Cards with Carl Mayer

Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

\$45 registration fee

This class is intended for intermediate to advanced painters. Students will bring their own supplies and paint unique cards just in time for the holidays.

Japanese Tradition & Art for Children with Tomoko Inoue

Wednesdays, Nov. 5-Dec. 17 at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

\$75 registration fee (including a field trip to Temaki & Tea on Dec. 17)

Children are naturally curious. Encourage that curiosity with this Japanese Cultural class designed for children. In this six-week series, children will learn basic Japanese words, how to eat with chopsticks, how to write their name in Japanese calligraphy, how to create beautiful shapes using origami, learn Japanese children's songs and get to taste Japanese food. The class will be taught by Tomoko Inoue who is originally from Kiryu, Japan. This class is intended for children 2nd - 6th grade.

Intermediate Senior Acting with Jeff Spencer

Saturdays, November 1-22 at 2-4 p.m.

Intended for seniors who participated in last term's acting class, or for seniors with previous acting experience.

Music for All Kids - Open Mic

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. (Wednesday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17)

Music for All Kids is a nonprofit organization devoted to the advancement and consistent support of youth ages 5-18 through the learning, application, and instruction of music. MFAK is a self-sustaining system of education and enrichment that accesses music to foster healthy youth development, regardless of whether the child has the means to pay. Bring your acoustic instruments.

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. MMAP counselors will be available to assist seniors with the 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 workers are not licensed insurance agents and do 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

This year the annual enrollment period for Medicare prescription drug plans will be Oct. 15 – Dec. 7. During this time people should have their current plan reviewed and also see if that is still the best plan for 2015. Everyone should have their plan reviewed at this time as your plan may have made changes for the following year that could 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 to you. Also for those seniors who are turning 65, the social work staff can assist you in understanding what your options are as well as when you will need to enroll for the first time.

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

Monday Night Skate

Time to get those ice skates out of storage! Monday nights are dedicated to senior/adult skating at the Lakeview Arena. For individuals aged 18 and up, skating hours are 7:30 – 9:20 p.m. Skating takes place in the Olson Rink and is FREE for Marquette City senior residents with proof of identification.

Non Resident age 50+ \$2.50
 City Resident age 18-49 \$3.00
 Non Resident age 18-49 \$3.75
 Skate Rental \$3.00

Volunteers Needed

The Marquette Senior Center, along with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) is looking for volunteers for the upcoming tax season. AARP offers a free service to seniors through the Senior Center to help with preparing and filing end of the year state and federal income tax forms. All volunteers will be trained through AARP.

For more information on becoming an AARP tax volunteer, contact Rich Brich by calling 361-0172, or the Senior Center Office at 228-0456.

“Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly” Celebrate the Holidays

The Marquette Senior Center, in partnership with Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly, is please to extend an invitation to Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday dinners.

Traditional, delicious, home-cooked holiday meals, entertainment, and plenty of conversation is offered to area seniors ages 60 and older at no charge.

The meals will take place on the day of the holiday. This year, Thanksgiving will fall on Thursday, Nov. 27. The meal will be held at 1 p.m. On Christmas Day – Thursday, Dec. 25, the meal will be held at 2 p.m. Both meals will be served at St. Christopher Church, located at 2372 Badger Street in Marquette.

Transportation is available to and from the holiday meals; however, there will be no home delivery of meals offered.

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



Thanksgiving Safety Tips from the Marquette Fire Department

With the holidays just around the corner, the Marquette Fire Department would like to remind everyone to stay safe in the kitchen by following the basic tips listed below.

- 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 at least 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 kids, toys, bags, etc.
- 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 — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

The MFD 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.

Tips brought to you by the National Fire Prevention Association. For more information, visit www.nfpa.org/education.

Call to Performers—Thursday Night Series

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites performing artists to submit their applications for the 2015 winter/spring First Thursday of the Month series. Concerts are held in the Peter White Public Library Community Room, on the first Thursday of each month. Local and visiting artists are welcome to submit their talents for consideration. Please include any press photos, video or audio recordings, reviews, and other materials relevant to your talent, as well as a statement of your qualifications. A stipend will be offered for performers, and special consideration given for artists who are willing to provide additional community enrichment in the form of lectures, workshops or master classes. Submissions will be accepted until Monday, Dec. 15.



Call for Instructors—2015 Workshop Series

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is seeking instructors interested in renting the Art Center workshops for the upcoming 2015 winter and spring class schedules. The MACC offers a great location, accommodations fit for an art class, many hours of availability, affordable rates and other benefits. The MACC has previously hosted classes in many creative disciplines, including illustration, watercolor painting, woodburning, gourd decorating, tai chi, voice lessons, origami, collage, movement and music, ceramics, acting, language courses and clothing design. We are now accepting rental applications for any and all artistic courses. Rental information is available on the City of Marquette's website (www.mqtcty.org), or at the MACC offices (located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library). Potential instructors are welcome to submit rental applications for workshops at any time; however, in order to be considered for inclusion in our semi-annual brochure (8,000 distributed), completed rental requests are due no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15.

Fall Leaf Collection Continues

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

Bagged and loose leaves will be collected the week of Nov. 3, followed by bagged-only leaves during the week of Nov. 10. Please refer to the last edition of this publication or the City of Marquette's website (www.mqtcty.org) for complete guidelines, a neighborhood map and schedule.

The City will not collect material after the week of Nov. 10. Residents are asked to deliver it to the composting site on Lakeshore Boulevard, one block south of Hawley Street. The site is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 – 7 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The site closes in November for the season, weather permitting. Notification of the exact date will be sent out via public service announcement. Any yard waste will be accepted but brush will be limited to one pickup load per day. Proof of residency or garbage fee payment is required for admittance.

2015 Curbside Recycling Pick-Up Schedule

Below is the 2015 residential curbside recycling pick-up schedule for the City of Marquette. For more information or questions, check the City's website at www.mqtcty.org/pworks-recycle.php or call the Department of Public Works at 228-0444.

FIBERS

RIGIDS

Fiber materials and rigid materials will be collected on alternating weeks. Simply place a bin of the selected materials at your curb at the same time you routinely set your garbage out.

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

MARCH

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

APRIL

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

MAY

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

JUNE

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

JULY

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6

DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	R	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Acceptable Fiber Material includes the following:

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| Paper | Clean paper |
| Carboard | Books (hard & soft cover) |
| Newspaper and magazines | Corrugated cardboard |
| Shoe boxes | Office paper |
| Egg cartons | Folders |
| Beverage cartons and boxes | Unsoiled food boxes |
| Paper shopping bags | Phone books |
| Non-metallic gift wrapping | |
| Mail & envelopes, including plastic envelope windows | |

Acceptable Rigid Material includes the following:

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| Glass bottles, jugs & jars | Milk jugs |
| Medicine bottles | Juice bottles |
| Tin cans | Yogurt & margarine tubs |
| Plastic bottles | Reusable water bottles |
| Soda/condiment containers | Detergent/shampoo bottles |
| Mouthwash bottles | Hard plastic toys |
| Utensils | CD and DVD cases |
| Plastic number 1 - 7 (remove caps/empty containers) | |



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