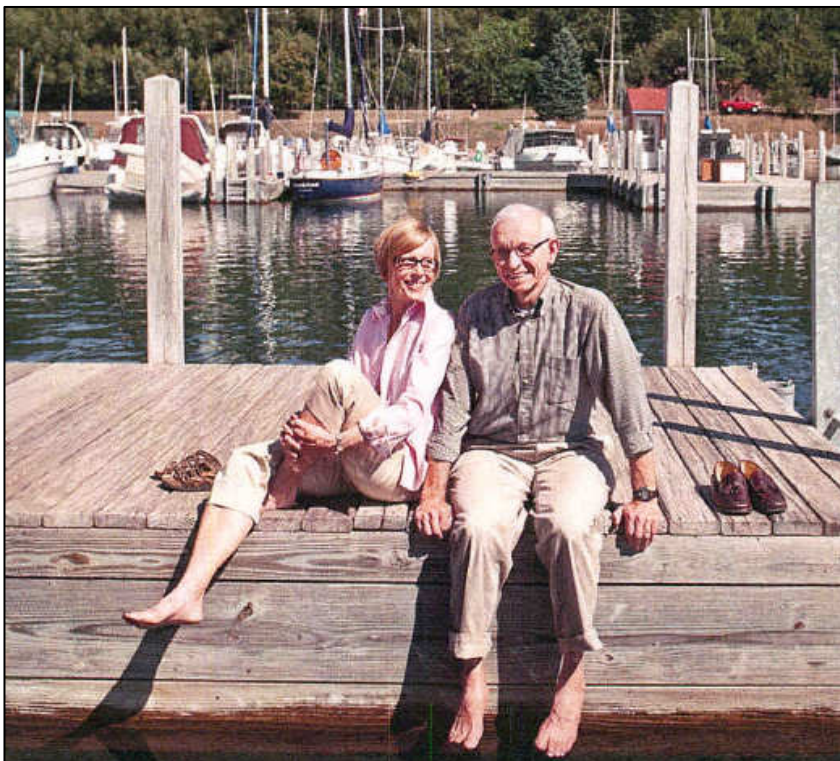


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Marquette Matters

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Marquette rated "Top Retirement City" by CNN and Money Magazine



Above: Six years ago Sandra and Burt Purrington retired to Marquette from Seattle. Sandra says, "We like the size of Marquette and just love the setting. We enjoy the park and bike path. There are so many outdoor activities right at your fingertips."

Marquette was recently recognized as one of the top five "Best Places to Retire" by CNN's *Money Magazine*. The publications list Marquette's picturesque location, accessibility to recreational activities, economic sustainability and affordability, opportunities for continuing education and premier health care facilities as reason for the high ranking. The full article can be found here: http://money.cnn.com/galleries/2011/real_estate/1109/gallery.best_places_retire.money.com/index.html. According to Onboard Informatics, people over the age of 55 accounted for 25.9 percent of Marquette's population in the 2010 U.S. Census.

This award affirms what many residents were already aware of: for many reasons, Marquette is a great place to live. However, it must be noted that, in addition to the factors listed above, the friendliness of and strong level of citizenship displayed by our City's residents also contrib-

utes to the livability of our City and region.

Other accolades the City has received in 2011 include: #19 in the country of the "Top 200 Towns for Sportsmen" by *Outdoor Life Magazine*, #20 in the ranking of 576 micropolitan areas (populations of 50,000 or less) by *Site Selection Magazine*, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, recognition as one of the "Ten Winter Wonderlands for Retirement" by *U.S. World & News Report* and recognition by the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation as a "Tree City USA" community for its commitment to urban forestry (Marquette has earned and held this distinction for the past thirty years).

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Bill's Blog...

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

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes time. Vision with action can change the world." — Joel Barker

When Paine Wingate died at age 98 in 1838, he was the last surviving delegate to the Continental Congress, and the last surviving member of the first United States Senate. He was by reputation remembered for being, among other things, "the last enemy of the King." One could imagine the experiences he collected, particularly understanding the world is not constant, nor recently created, nor recycling, but always changing – as too the people who live on it.

Interestingly, he could have also been remembered as "one of the first enemies of the King," which might have been a far greater tribute to a steward of our national legacy. Life creates a confusion of information, and we constantly face the dilemma of choosing which items to believe and what to ignore. Possibilities unfold in this way, and although our choices define us, more importantly, they create additional choices – and the process of creating multiple simultaneous possibilities for the future proliferates.

These processes hold equally true for governments as well as individuals. Our Forefathers understood the fragility of the King as unilateral "chooser." They also understood the strength of democracy, and the challenges of effective stewardship. Citizens use due care in selecting their "choosers" and expect leaders to set a vision, and pursue action, that realizes the best possible future for their community.

Marquette isn't immune to change, and certainly enjoys the benefits of a democratic legacy initiated 235 years ago. We manage the future through our vision. We manage change through our choices, and everyone in the community has a role to play.

So what choices do we have to make? Here are just a few:

- When the Former Cliffs-Dow site is ready for re-development, what should it be?
- What should the former Roundhouse Property become?
- When returned, what should be done with the old Coast Guard property?

Here are a few more:

- What would happen if WE Energies closed the Presque Isle Power Plant?
- What is going to happen with the Old Orphanage?
- What help do we need from our State and Federal legislators?

As a community, we need to consider all the possibilities before us. We need to have active participants in government who help sort through information and to identify policy options and solutions. What greater tribute could future Marquett-enes have than the bold vision and strident actions of the community today? As we look beyond our formidable challenges, let's choose to be the first to embrace the future, and to be remembered for the lasting difference we'll make!

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Upcoming Arts and Holiday Events



City Committee Boot Camp

The City has instituted a new training session for the members of our volunteer authorities, boards and committees called "Committee Boot Camp." The City Manager and City Attorney will be presenting a number of topics during the one-hour session: an overview of City operations; ethics; parliamentary procedures; rules of procedure; filing minutes, and finally, questions and answers. The City is asking these individuals to attend at least one of these sessions during their tenure. The session for January will be announced soon. The date and time for the fall session is:

Tuesday, November 29th, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in Commission Chambers and are limited to 20 people per session. To reserve your spot (available on a first-come, first-served basis), please contact Wendy Larson in the City Manager's office via email (wlarson@mqctcy.org) or call her at (906) 225-8104.

Off-Leash Area Permits Available

Off-leash area permits are now on sale at the City Clerk's Office, located within City Hall. The off-leash dog park opens on November 1, 2011. A valid 2011 dog license is required for permit purchase. If the rabies date has expired on the dog license, proof of current rabies vaccination must also be provided. The cost per permit is \$12.00 for city residents and \$20.00 for non-residents. Please note that permits will not be issued from November 1 - 10 due to the General Election. For more information about the permits, please call (906) 225-8657. For more information about the off-leash dog park, please see page four.

City Committee Openings

Current open City committee positions are listed below. If interested in becoming involved and filling a position, an application form can be found at: www.mqctcy.org/communitynetwork.html. More information can be obtained by contacting Wendy Larson in the City Manager's office via email (wlarson@mqctcy.org) or by phone (906) 225-8104.

Committee Name	Vacancies
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	Five Vacancies
Investment Advisory Board	One Vacancy
Local Officers Compensation Commission	Two Vacancies
Marquette Housing Commission	Two Vacancies
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (Marquette Schools)	One Vacancy
Planning Commission	One Vacancy
Police-Fire Pension Board	One Vacancy
Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee	Two Vacancies
Sister City Advisory Committee	Two Vacancies

Winter Tax Information

Winter Property Tax Statements will be mailed to City residents on November 30, 2011. Tax collection begins December 1, 2011 and payments are accepted without penalty through February 14, 2012.



City General Election Information

The City General election for 2011 will be held on November 8, 2011 and will include the election of three City Commissioners, and two members of the Board of Light and Power. Candidates for these Offices are:

City Commission (Voters may vote for not more than three candidates.)

- Robert Niemi, 1702 Gray St., Marquette
- Michael Plourde, 1302 N. McClellan Ave, Marquette
- Don Ryan, 807 W. Fair Ave., Marquette
- Fred Stonehouse, 875 Orianna Dr., Marquette

Board of Light and Power: (Voters may vote for not more than two candidates.)

- Edward Angeli, 510 Hillside Dr., Marquette
- John Sonderegger, 515 Spruce St., Marquette

Also, for the first time in sixty years, the community is being asked to approve a General Revision of the City Charter. Earlier this year, the City Commission authorized legal and administrative reviews of the Charter; appointed a special committee called the Charter Review Working Group; and received a recommendation from the Group that strongly recommended that the Commission move ahead with the Revision process. Subsequently, the City Commission approved the following ballot language for this election:

"SHALL THERE BE A GENERAL REVISION OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MARQUETTE, AND THE ELECTION OF A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NINE ELECTORS OF THE CITY, AS PROVIDED BY STATUTE?"

This proposal also asks the voters to elect a nine member Charter Commission that would be charged with the responsibility of crafting a Revised City Charter. Thirteen candidates from the community filed nominating petitions to fill the nine seats.

Charter Commission Candidates: (Voters May vote for not more than nine candidates.)

- Tomas Baldini, 815 Pine St., Marquette
- Robert O. Berube, 111 E. Spring St., Marquette
- Sara A. Cambensy, 225 W. Michigan St., Marquette
- Martha E. Conley, 500 E. Ridge St., Marquette
- J. Michael Coyne, 21 E. Nicolet Blvd., Marquette
- Martha B. Haynes, 420 E. Ridge St. Marquette
- M. Cameron Howes, 1075 Vistanna Drive, Marquette
- Taylor A. Klipp, 300 E. Crescent St., Marquette
- Robert Kulisheck, 617 Hampton St., Marquette
- Lynn R. Laakso, 1509 Birch Ave., Marquette
- Cornelia A. Mazzuchi, 409 E. Ohio St., Marquette
- Don Potvin, 1027 N. Front St., Marquette
- Thomas Tourville, 380 Meeske Ave., Marquette

Marquette City Commission



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City Commission Meetings:

The Commission usually meets the second and last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, unless noted otherwise. Citizens are invited to attend.

Monday, November 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 8:00 a.m., Work Session, Room 103

Monday, November 28, 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Monday, December 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Monday, December 19, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Meetings are televised on City of Marquette Channel 21, and are available on streaming video at www.mqctcy.org.

Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility Land Application Program

What goes into a wastewater treatment facility must go out. Technology to make pollutants disappear does not exist; however, technology to reduce and stabilize most pollutants does exist.

Two products are generated from the wastewater treatment processes.

Treated “clean” water represents the liquid portion of the wastewater treatment processes and accounts for about 99.99% of the total volume of water treated.

A byproduct of treating wastewater is often termed “residual of treatment” that represents the concentrated pollutant portion. In other words, residuals are what remain as a result of purifying water. The concentrated liquid portion of residuals accounts for about 0.01% of the total volume of water treated.

Residuals of treatment are biologically reduced as a part of the wastewater treatment process. Concentrated residuals are pumped to anaerobic digestion tanks and heated to nearly 100 degrees Fahrenheit, completely mixed, and kept in that environment for about 65 days. The end product of this process is applied to the land as a soil amendment and fertilizer at various locations around Marquette County listed below:

- Eagle Mills Soil Reclamation Project
- CNR Empire and Gribben Tailings Basins Soil Improvement Project
- Van Damme Farms Soil Fertilization Project

The benefits of clean treated water for the human environment require no explanation. The benefits of treated residuals applied to the human environment represent a wise use of a byproduct used as a resource. The photographs below illustrate the result of a soil improvement with the use of treated residuals.



Photo 1, above - Area Prior to Land Application



Photo 2, above - Area After Land Application

Winter Parking Ban Soon to be in Effect

The Winter Parking Ban takes effect on November 1, 2011 until April 1, 2012. The winter parking ban ordinance makes it a violation to park a vehicle on city streets or in parking lots between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Anyone failing to remove their vehicle from these locations will be fined. For more information please contact the Marquette City Police Department at (906) 228-0040.

Complete Streets Adopted by Marquette

On a cool evening in early May, the City of Marquette joined the ranks of a small but rapidly growing number of places that are taking a new approach to transportation planning. By adopting “Complete Streets Guiding Principles” as part of a resolution supporting the State’s Complete Streets Initiative, the City Commission has provided the foundation for developing a more useful and equitable local transportation network, and provided policy support for the Community Master Plan goal of becoming “A premier livable, walkable, winter city.”



So what does Complete Streets mean? There are two elements to the term Complete Streets as defined by the adopted resolution, with the first element being the physical streets we all use to get from one place (or land use) to another. In this context Complete Streets means “roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users in a manner that promotes safe and efficient movement of people and goods whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot, or bicycle.” Complete Streets is also defined as “a design framework that enables safe, comfortable, and convenient access and travel for pedestrians, transit patrons, bicyclists, and motor vehicle operators, across a wide spectrum of ages and abilities.” Obviously these definitions focus on design and a variety of modes of transportation. The Complete Streets initiative essentially calls for streets to be designed, and re-designed when appropriate, for use by as many modes of transportation as can reasonably be accommodated.

Over-reliance on automobiles has proved disastrous for individuals and cities alike, but the epidemic of physical inactivity is particularly relevant to the nationwide Complete Streets Movement, which has gained much of its momentum due to the documentation of dismal health outcomes resulting in part from environments that have been constructed to accommodate only automobile transport. When physical inactivity is combined with poor nutrition (another widespread dilemma), we get what have become tragic increases in diabetes and obesity, in children as well as adults.

The good news is we are acting to change this and to give people convenient options to be healthy while also providing multiple benefits to the community in general. The simple opportunity to use a sidewalk or bikeway to reach your destination provides health benefits to walkers and bikers, but it also presents a basic access opportunity for those who cannot drive due to age (too young) or health problems, or who do not own a car for financial or other reasons. A hundred years ago you may have seen a streetcar, horses, bicycles, and pedestrians sharing the same Washington Street corridor. So, Complete Streets may be seen as a course correction, a return to “what worked,” and it fits neatly into the urban planning that has led Marquette to its current high quality of life and prosperity.



There is no cookie-cutter definition of a “complete street.” Context-sensitive designs will account for the unique circumstances of different users, streets, and places. Complete streets may be achieved through single projects, incrementally through a series of small improvements, or through maintenance activities. The “Complete Streets Guiding Principles” will be considered when developing, amending and updating City plans, manuals, rules, regulations and programs, as appropriate. In addition, City Staff will identify and document in the Master Plan existing and potential funding sources available for achieving multi-modal street projects. Inter-departmental project coordination will ensure the most responsible and efficient use of fiscal resources for activities that occur within the public right-of-way.

Landfill Permits Available

Applications may be downloaded from the city’s website www.mqtcty.org or picked up in the City Treasurer’s office.

Commercial Haulers: Permits expired on October 31st. Renewal applications were mailed in October. The permit fee of \$65.00 is for a one year period from November to October. New haulers may be required to also provide a deposit of up to \$1,000.00 with their application.

Residential Customers: The application fee for residential permits is \$10.00 and the permit period is for one week, Monday through Friday. Items such as shingles, tires, and construction debris can be hauled to the landfill. This service is only for City of Marquette property owners.

City Moves to Save Lakes with Red Buckets

The City of Marquette, in cooperation with the Superior Watershed Partnership and the Marquette Community Foundation, launched a new low-cost program that has dramatically reduced cigarette butt litter on Lake Superior public beaches and significantly raised public awareness about storm water runoff. New no-smoking



regulations have had the unintended consequence of increasing cigarette butt litter. When people go outside to smoke, they often throw their cigarette butts on the sidewalk or into the street. When it rains (or snow melts) it carries these butts down the nearest storm drain and into Lake Superior where they wash up on adjacent public beaches. The Red Bucket Project provides a free red metal bucket filled with beach sand to any Marquette restaurant, bar, business or organization that wants to help reduce litter and keep local beaches clean (see photo [left] of buckets on Washington Street, Downtown Marquette). The bucket is placed on the sidewalk outside the participating business and includes a maintenance scoop. This simple but effective program is now being replicated in other Great Lakes communities and around the Upper Peninsula.

Tourist Park Off-Leash Area Open for Season

The following regulations pertain to the Tourist Park camping area designated as an Off-Leash Area (OLA) from **November 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012**. For more information about the OLA, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (906) 225-8657.

- No person shall have more than **three** dogs in the OLA at any one time.
- Dogs must have current licenses, shots and no contagious diseases.
- Dog owners must have an OLA permit in their possession while in the OLA, and it must be **displayed** at all times.
- Users must monitor and control their dogs at all times.
- Dogs in season are not allowed.
- Pet treats, food and table scraps are not allowed.
- Users must have a leash with them at all times capable of restraining their dogs.
- Users must clean up after their dogs. Bags and receptacles have been provided.

Parks and Recreation Five-Year Master Plan Draft Available

An update to the Parks and Recreation Plan has now reached the draft stage and the public is invited to review it at: <http://www.mqtcty.org/Departments/Parks/Files/DRAFT%20RECREATION%20PLAN~1004.11.pdf>. Hard copies are available at the Clerk's Office at City Hall, Peter White Public Library and Lakeview Arena.

The City Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. All citizens are invited to attend. Following this discussion the Commission will either adopt or reject the plan.

Performance Dashboard and Financial Information Available on City's Website

City of Marquette residents can now get a quick view of where their tax dollars are spent through newly-posted information on the City's website, <http://www.mqtcty.org/finance.html>. According to City Chief Financial Officer Gary Simpson, the material is a new requirement of the state of Michigan for all municipalities that comply with the Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

The Performance Dashboard lists the fiscal stability, economic strength, public safety and quality of life in Marquette for the past two years, along with a trend: the percent differences between 2009 and 2010. Also included is whether the trend is positive, negative or neutral. "Of the 17 categories listed, we're showing positive or neutral performance in 13 of them. Of the four listed as negative, the trend is less than five percent in each of those categories," Simpson said. "Some trends are outside the boundaries of what the City can change," Simpson said.

The Citizens' Guide to Local Unit Finances includes revenues, expenditures, the City's financial position, and other long-term obligations in an easy-to-read format. "It's easy to see that services the majority of residents care about most—police, fire and public safety—comprise the majority of our spending," said Simpson.

"Just as public companies issue annual financial reports to their shareholders, the Community Financial Report is the taxpayers' user-friendly report of how their investment—tax dollars—are spent," he said. "Some citizens may be surprised to learn that almost one-half, 49.1 cents, of every dollar spent on property taxes doesn't go into the City coffers. Instead, it goes to State and County governments, as well as public schools," Simpson reported. "Of the 50.9 cents the City retains, only 86.33% goes into the general fund, with 11.6% going to the Peter White Public Library, and the other two percent earmarked for senior services."

City Offices Closed for Holidays

Offices at Marquette City Hall, the Municipal Service Center and Arts and Culture Center will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24th, and November 25th.

For the Christmas and New Year's holidays, offices will be closed December 23rd, December 26th, December 30th, and January 2nd.

Lakeview Arena's schedule is as follows (call (906) 228-0490 for more information):

November 24th: Facility closed

November 25th: Rinks open all day

December 23rd: Rinks open all day

December 24th: 8:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.

(Open skating from 1:30—3:20 pm)

December 25th: Facility closed

December 26th: Open all day

December 31st: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

(Disco Ball Drop: 1:30 - 3:20 pm)

January 1st: Closed

January 2nd: Open all day

The City's Arts and Culture Center, located in the Peter White Public Library, will be closed from December 23rd through January 2nd.

The Police and Fire departments will remain staffed during the holidays.

Christmas Tree Drop-Off Sites

Properties paying the "Garbage/Yard Waste" fee on their monthly bills (green bag users) are eligible to use the 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 December 31, 2011 through January 15, 2012, there will be two drop-off sites available for Christmas tree disposal.

One site available for drop-off is located at the west end of Lakeview Arena parking lot, place tree inside orange fencing.

The second site available for drop-off is the Baraga Avenue ice rink located east of 850 West Baraga Avenue. Access can be obtained from Baraga Avenue or West Spring Street. Please place tree inside the orange fencing.

Residents are to remove all decorations and stands before disposing of their tree.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (906) 228-0444.

Holiday Garbage Collection

There will be **no** delay in garbage collection for Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's holidays. Garbage collection will remain on schedule.

The Household Rubbish Drop-Off site closure date will be November 12, 2011.

The Compost site closure date will be November 19, 2011.

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Ribbon Cutting at Lower Level Gallery in Celebration of New Lighting System

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center's Lower Level Gallery was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011. Held in celebration of the installation of new gallery lighting, the ceremony was sponsored by the Downtown Development Authority and representatives from Lake Superior Art Association and the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center were both in attendance. The Lower Level Gallery is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library.

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center and Lake Superior Art Association share the exhibition space. A matching grant from Lake Superior Art Association allowed the Art Center to make the lighting improvement. Both organizations are excited about the possibilities the new lighting system will bring. Lea Dzieszinski, City of Marquette Arts Programming Coordinator, comments, "The new gallery lights will allow us to showcase artists' work in a presentable, professional way. The completion of the project strengthens the partnership between the City and Lake Superior Art Association." The lighting was installed by Wright Electric.

Upcoming exhibitions in the Lower Level Gallery include: Lake Superior Art Association sponsored "Of Nature, By Nature" by Jeff Massie and Leonard Fieber (October 14 – November 11, 2011) and Lake

Superior Art Association sponsored "Trials and Tributes" by V.I.P.S. or Variety in Painting Styles Group (November 14 – December 17).



Pictured: (left to right) Charlie Stewart (LSAA Member), Dorothy Kristola (LSAA Member), Charon Porter (LSAA Member), Cindy Deo (LSAA Member), Joel Ostowski (LSAA Member), Lea Dzieszinski (City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, Arts Programming Coordinator), Judy Johnson (LSAA Member), Jan Newlove (LSAA Member), Diane Jarvi (LSAA Member), Carolyn Synder (LSAA Member) and Chrys Levesque-Hendrick (LSAA Member)

Marquette Senior Center Assists with Health Insurance

The Marquette Senior Center has MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselors available to assist seniors (over the age of 60) in our area. MMAP counselors have been trained in health benefits counseling, including Medicare and Medicaid and other insurance products. MMAP counselors are not connected with any insurance company and are not licensed to sell insurance. A MMAP counselor can help citizens:

- Understand Medicare and Medicaid
- Compare and enroll in Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- Review you Medicare Supplemental Insurance Needs
- Understand Medicare Health Plans
- Apply for Medicaid or a Medicare Savings Program
- Determine Eligibility for Low-Income Subsidy Assistance
- Identify and Report Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, Abuse, or Scams
- Explore Long-Term Care Insurance Options

Please contact the Marquette Senior Center at (906) 228-0456 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the inaugural Holiday Parade, scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 6:00 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 invited to visit the Marquette Commons where Santa Claus and friends will light up Downtown at the 36th annual City of Marquette tree lighting. Festivities include a performance by the Marquette Senior High School Redmen Chorale, free hot chocolate and complimentary photos with Santa Claus until 8:30 p.m.



City Manager Offers Open Office Hours

Each month City Manager Bill Vajda is available to meet with citizens on an informal basis at the Peter White Public Library. This is a chance to let him know your concerns, your suggestions or simply have a brief chat. Upcoming sessions include:

Wednesday, November 9th
from 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday, December 14th
from 10:00 a.m. - Noon

These functions are held in the Peter White Conference Room, on the main level of the Library. No appointments are required.

Peter White Public Library Hosts 'Carol'

Be transported to London on Christmas Eve in 1840, when, as the clock strikes midnight, Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghost of Jacob Marley. The Peter White Public Library proudly announces the staging of the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol" on December 8-10, 2011 in the library's community room. Tickets are available for purchase beginning November 7, 2011 at the Peter White Public Library.

In an 'acting Tour de Force', Vertigo Theatre Company will perform Charles Dickens' well loved tale of the transformation of the sour and stingy old miser - with a twist. Five talented actors - Jeff Spencer, Jessica "Red" Bays, Monica Nordeen, Dave Hansen and Ian DeBacker - assume different roles and take the spotlight in a dramatic retelling of the well loved story of Scrooge, his clerk Bob Cratchit and the ghosts Christmas' Past, Present and Future. This stage version, adapted by Dave Hansen, showcases the veteran actors' amazing talents with minimal props and costumes. A truly new twist on a well loved vintage tale!

Audiences ages 10 and up are invited to experience the drama of "A Christmas Carol" at performances on Thursday December 8, 2011 through Saturday December 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available in advance at the library circulation desk, on the main floor, or by calling (906) 228-9510. Advance purchase is required due to space constraints. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Visit www.pwpl.info for more information.

Lower Level Gallery Presents: “Of Nature, From Nature”

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is proud to present “Of Nature, From Nature,” art work by Jeff Massie and Leonard Fieber in the Lower Level Gallery.

A native of the Upper Peninsula, Jeff Massie endeavors the seasons to capture the true essence of the “Northwoods” in his photographic portraits. Massie believes his inspiration comes from scripture. He strives to capture images that “portray God’s beautiful creations.”



“Winterstorm,” by Jeff Massie

Leonard Fieber has been working with wood, carving, and building to produce functional objects for the past 40 years. His inspiration begins when he canoes through remote areas of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula. Fieber states, “My most recent work is a collaboration between the beaver and me, along with some design input from my wife Martha.” His company, Beaver Chew Furniture, produces furniture made from the sticks left behind after the beaver has eaten the leaves and bark.

“Of Nature, From Nature” will be on display in the Lower Level Gallery from October 14 – November 11, 2011. A public reception will be held for the artists in the Gallery on Thursday, November 3, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Following “Of Nature, From Nature,” in the Lower Level Gallery will be “Trials and Tributes,” by the area’s Variety in Painting Styles painting group. Their exhibition will run from November 14 – December 17, 2011 with a public reception scheduled for December 1, 2011 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center’s Lower Level Gallery, located on the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. For more information, please call 906-228-0472.

Holiday Art Sale Features Creative Gifts for All

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center warmly welcomes all community members to visit the eleventh annual Holiday Art Sale on November 12th, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The sale is held throughout the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library.

The 2011 Holiday Art Sale is sure to complete everyone’s gift list with fine artists featuring work at all price points. Participating artists are visiting the Marquette area from across the Upper Peninsula and offer work in the following mediums: wood, glass, fibers/wearable art, painting, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, mixed-medias, photography, and wreaths. The Holiday Art Sale is a juried event. This is a one day sale, so don’t miss out on this unique gift opportunity!



This year the sale coincides with Peter White Public Library’s “National Gaming Day @ Your Library” event, a celebration of board games.

For more information, please contact the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at 906-228-0472 or visit www.mqtcty.org/arts.html.

Arts Instructors Sought for Workshop Series

The Marquette Arts and Culture Center would like to invite arts instructors to be involved with the Winter 2012 Workshop series. The workshop series is open to all arts and culture related subjects; it has proven to be a great opportunity for instructors to share their talents with the community and make new contacts.

If interested in becoming an instructor, applications are available at the Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library or at www.mqtcty.org/arts_workshops.html.

Applications are due by **Wednesday, November 23, 2011** and weekly classes will begin the week of January 23, 2012. Instructor pay is individualized per hour and applicants will be called to schedule a meeting with the Arts Programming Coordinator to discuss details. Applications should be mailed or delivered to the Arts and Culture Center in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. For more information or questions, please contact (906) 228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqtcty.org

Holiday Happenings

Winter Farmers Market

The growing season may be over, but the vibrant colors, delicious aromas and fresh flavors of the Downtown Marquette Farmers and Artists Market linger on at the Winter Market. Find fresh local produce, decadent baked goods, hand crafted items and more at the Winter Market, held inside the Marquette Commons. The limited Winter Market features eight of the regular season vendors and is held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturdays through December 17, 2011.



Downtown Ladies Night

Indulge in a night of shopping, delicacies, entertainment and fun at the 15th annual Ladies Night on Thursday, November 17, 2011. Ladies Night provides the perfect opportunity to spend a night on the town as you primp, shop and sip your way through Downtown and the Third Street Village. 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 throughout Downtown and the Third Street Village as Marquette



Limo provides complimentary limousine rides. Shoppers can also register for a custom gift basket valued at \$1,500 that’s stocked full of gift certificates and goods from participating businesses.

New Year’s Eve Ball Drop

Ring in the New Year at the 23rd Annual New Year’s Eve Ball Drop in Downtown Marquette on Saturday, December 31, 2011. 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 twelfth strike marking the beginning of 2012 at this family-friendly community celebration.

3rd Annual Disco Ball Drop

The 3rd annual Disco Ball Drop will take place at Lakeview Arena New Years Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2011. It will be held during regular Public Skating hours from 1:30 p.m. until 3:20 p.m. in the Russell Arena. Cost is \$3.00 for all ages – come in Disco fashion and pay only \$2.00! Concession stand will be open. Skate rentals available on a limited basis. Please call (906) 228-0490 for more information.



Marquette Senior Center Offers “Senior Skate Night” At Lakeview Arena

The Marquette Senior Center is pleased to announce one of our newest ventures..... “Senior Skate Night” at Lakeview Arena. Open to anyone from ice skating enthusiasts to beginners, this is an opportunity to utilize prime skating time on Lakeview Arena’s Olson Ice Rink.

Senior Skate Night will be held every Monday evening from 7:30 – 9:20 p.m., beginning Monday, October 3rd. There is **no charge** to skate. Ice skate rentals are available, on a limited basis, for a small fee. Stop by and give skating for fun and exercise a try. Hope to see you there!