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**Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey**

**Popularity Growing at Lakeview**

Parks and Recreation staff has successfully administered some new drop-in programming for Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey on the Olson Arena at Lakeview with grant money from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Interest was sparked in Pickle Ball from a clinic that was held back in July where nearly 40 people attended. Since this clinic, there has been a steady group of players coming in. Some of the players have noted that the weather is so nice outside and that they are trying to enjoy it while it lasts, but it is still great to have a place to come to when it’s raining or really windy. There has also been some more interest expressed in alternative times in addition to the current drop-in sessions for Pickle Ball.

Staff has evaluated alternative times, and has come to the conclusion that Monday and Thursday evenings could be supported since Lakeview Arena is occupied on these evenings by Dead River Derby practices on the Russell Arena (From Aug. 24 to Sept. 10), drop-in Pickle Ball sessions will be available Monday and Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m.

Floor Hockey has been gaining a following as well with many of the local youth hockey players coming to Lakeview in the afternoons. Players now have the opportunity to develop skills and get some exercise now that the program has come to Lakeview. This is also a great opportunity for those individuals who want to play hockey, but may not be able to ice skate.

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**Drop-In Pickle Ball and Floor Hockey Schedule**

**Pickle Ball:** Four courts, all ages, all equipment provided. $2/session for City residents, $2.50/session for non-residents
- Monday through Friday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Monday and Thursday 6 - 9 p.m.

**Floor Hockey:** Three courts, all ages, all equipment provided. $2/session for City residents, $2.50/session for non-residents
- Monday through Friday Noon - 3 p.m.
- *Additional protective equipment recommended.*
Interested in serving your community?

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

Check out the City’s website for the most up-to-date vacancy information, and for an application:

www.mqtcty.org/government.php

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee—Three openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals—One opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee—One opening
- Local Development Finance Authority—One opening
- Local Officers Compensation Commission—One opening
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board—One full-member opening and one alternate opening
- Marquette Housing Commission—Two openings
- Planning Commission—Three openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee—Three openings

An orientation session for volunteer members of Marquette City authorities, boards and committees will be held on Oct. 20, 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.

Winter Hours at City Hall

Beginning Sept. 8, City Hall offices will open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. For hours and contact information for all City departments and facilities, please visit the City’s website at

www.mqtcty.org/contact-us.php

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 Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

The Fire, Police and Public Works and Utilities Departments will remain open and staffed during these times.

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 next community office hours sessions are scheduled for Sept. 9 and Oct. 14.

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.
**November General Election**

The City Clerk’s Office is preparing for this year’s General Election, which will take place on Nov. 3. At this early stage, that preparation is largely dedicated to facilitating absentee voting. In August, the Clerk’s Office mailed out more than 1,200 applications to qualified absentee voters, and will use the replies to send out absentee ballots for the General Election. In the May Special Election, more than half of the ballots cast were absentee.

If you are registered to vote in Michigan, you are eligible to obtain an absent voter ballot if you are:

- Aged 60 or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on election day
- Unable to attend the polls for religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside your precinct of residence

The last day to register to vote in the General Election is Oct. 5. If you are a City resident hoping to vote absentee, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 228-0430.

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**Medicare Open Enrollment**

The Marquette Senior Center is pleased to announce that their social work staff will be offering MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) assistance again this year. As MMAP counselors, they are 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 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 and/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. Recipients are asked to read the notice CAREFULLY, as this notice will identify whether the plan is changing premiums, co-pays, deductibles and/or the prescription medications that will be covered. It’s important to make sure that the medications currently being taken will still be covered by your plan in 2016. If you need help understanding the notice, please call an MMAP counselor for assistance.

Beneficiaries should take the time to answer these questions:

- **COST:** Will your premium and costs change significantly in 2016?
- **COVERAGE:** Do you need more coverage in 2016? Will the prescriptions you are taking be covered by your current plan in 2016?
- **CUSTOMER SERVICE:** Are you satisfied with your plan’s service?
- **OPTIONS:** Are there better plans available for my specific needs?

This year, the annual enrollment period for Medicare prescription drug plans will be Oct. 15 – Dec. 7, 2015. During this time, people should have their current plan reviewed and also see if that is still the best plan for 2016. 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 at 228-0456.
Harvest Fest Celebrates Fall in Downtown Marquette

The third annual Baraga Avenue Harvest Fest will take place on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 3 to 8 p.m. on the 100 block of Baraga Avenue in Downtown Marquette. Bustling with harvest-themed activities for all ages, the festival features food and drink, Breakers Roadhouse beer tent, live music and street dance, children’s activities and much more. Returning this year is the popular pasty eating contest, sponsored by Jean Kay’s Pasties, along with a wine tasting hosted by Everyday Wines at their location, 129 W. Baraga Ave. Downtown businesses will highlight their offerings with sales and information booths. The younger set is invited to explore large equipment, emergency response vehicles and construction trucks at the “big truck petting zoo,” while the Upper Peninsula Children’s Museum will once again sponsor a chalk art exhibition and contest featuring street-canvas harvest-themed paintings by local artists, individuals and groups. For more information on the chalk painting or to sponsor a square, visit the U.P. Children’s Museum online at www.upchildrensmuseum.com.

The return of past favorites will be complemented by new additions to this year’s festival. The big truck petting zoo will be joined by a live animal petting zoo, bounce house and miniature golf course, and the adventurous of heart can even ride a mechanical bull. The Marquette Regional History Center will host a Henry Ford display featuring classic Ford vehicles in their courtyard.

Come celebrate fall and its bountiful beauty at the third annual Baraga Avenue Harvest Fest.

Downtown Trick-or-Treating

The Marquette Downtown District business community is pleased to provide a safe and fun opportunity for children to trick-or-treat on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. Bring your little ghosts and goblins to go door-to-door collecting goodies from the local businesses before heading to the Halloween Spectacle at the Marquette Commons at 7 p.m. Participating locations will have orange “Welcome Trick or Treaters” signs in their windows. For more information, contact the Marquette DDA at 228-9475.

Downtown Development Authority

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

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority is pleased to announce that the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market has been awarded Lake Superior Magazine's 2015 “Best of the Lake” award for best farmers market. Thank you to all the vendors who participate in the market and to all the shoppers who make it successful. Local support is imperative to sustaining a vibrant market, as well as shoppers visiting from out of town.

In other news, the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is the first in the state to receive the new Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's farmers market food license, which allows food from demonstrations to be distributed for tasting. With this licensing now in place, several food demonstrations are scheduled in coming months, in addition to the market’s special programming, live music and educational opportunities. Cooking demonstrations will be held most weeks through September and into October. The YMCA of Marquette will have a series of cooking demonstrations focused on the Achieve Restaurant program, brought to you in part by Michele Boehmer, registered Dietitian from U.P. Health Systems, Lynn Krahn from MSU Extension, Rachel Harris from MARESA and Monica Nelson, Registered Dietitian with the YMCA. Discover Michigan Fresh will be at the market through the end of October providing shoppers with information and to answer any questions on how to use and store the delicious food that is found at the market. What will you find in season during the months of September and October? Apples, peaches, pears, honey, beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, corn, eggplant, garlic, onions, parsnips, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, tomatoes, winter squash and much more.

In addition to highlighting the fabulous food at the market, programming will also provide area artisans a venue to demonstrate their talents. Local weavers will be at the market in October, knowledgeable garden enthusiasts will lead programming in mid-October, and pumpkin-carving on Oct. 24 and 31 will allow children their chance to be creative as well.

The farmers market has fabulous food and locally made artisan goods as well, such as wood-turned bowls, woven rugs and hand-forged knives. Labor Day, for many people brings about a change in schedule and is therefore seen as a mini new year; a time to focus on something new or make changes. September will open with a highlight on personal care products that are available at the market. One of the many fantastic benefits of the market is that you always have the opportunity to visit with the product producer to gain an understanding of the product’s value, how it was made and how to use it.

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is open Saturdays through Dec. 19 at the Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, Project FRESH and Market FRESH food assistance benefits are all available through Oct. 31. Hoophouses for Health will be distributed through Dec. 19. For additional information call 362-3276 or visit [www.mqtfarmersmarket.com](http://www.mqtfarmersmarket.com).

**Music on Third Extended through September!**

Music on Third, a long standing summer tradition along Third Street in Marquette’s Downtown District, has been extended through the month of September due to overwhelming success. The extension into September allows Northern Michigan University students a chance to enjoy the sense of community that takes place all along Third Street.

Between 9 and 15 different musical groups have played on the third Thursday of each month since June, entertaining the public with a wide variety of music. The event is free to the public and family friendly. Don't miss out on the last chance to experience Music on Third for 2015 on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.!

**Hockey on Third Parade**

Celebrate the hockey spirit of Marquette at the sixth annual Hockey on Third Parade, slated for Thursday, Sept. 24. The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. on North Third Street near the campus of NMU and will continue along Third Street, looping back to NMU on Arch and Front Streets.

The parade features local hockey teams of all ages, as well as fans and Third Street businesses. The celebration is held in conjunction with the Old Timers Hockey Tournament. Join in on the fun for this FAN-tastic celebration of hockey in downtown Marquette.
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.

Halloween Spectacle

On Oct. 31, the City of Marquette and Downtown Development Authority will host a large-scale community outdoor performance of giant puppetry, percussion and theatrical dance. As the evening grows dark, the community is invited to join in processions throughout the city converging in the Marquette Commons (112 S. Third St.).

We invite all costumed revelers to join in the processions at 6:30 p.m. from their neighborhood location. These are located at the Peter White Public Library, Mattson Lower Harbor Park, Harlow Park and the Rock Street parking lot to walk to the Marquette Commons with the Spectacle cast. Those who participate in the parade will have a reserved place to sit at the Spectacle which will start at 7 p.m.

Photo courtesy of www.flickr.com/photos/kimnixon

Upper Peninsula Nature Writing Event

An evening of Upper Peninsula Nature Writing will take place on Monday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library located at 217 N. Front St. in Marquette.

Writers from across the Upper Peninsula will read their entries in the Third Annual Nature Writing Contest. Leslie Piastro Askwith of Sault Saint Marie was the winner of the Nature Writing Contest with her writing of Pilgrimage. All entrants from the contest will be invited to read their work and talk about nature writing. Members of the public are also welcome to read their writings related to nature in the U.P. There will be an Upper Peninsula photo presentation by nature photographer, Kathryn Lund Johnson. This event is sponsored by North Country Publishing and Falling Rock Café and Bookstore with cooperation from the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center.

There will also be a celebration at the Falling Rock Café and Bookstore of Munising on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. This is a free event and the public is encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact North Country Publishing at 906-942-7879 or e-mail northco@up.net.

City Hall Gallery: Seeking Artists

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is inviting artists to apply to exhibit their artwork in the City Hall Gallery. Pieces are hung in the hallway in the upper level of City Hall, throughout the City Manager's Suite and in the City Manager's Office. Galleries are typically exchanged quarterly.

Professional and amateur artists as well as children/students are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found on the City website, or picked up at the Art Center. For more information, please call 228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqtcty.org.
Senior Arts Series

Visual Arts
Senior Arts is offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1 to 3 p.m. Professional artists instruct participants in this successful program for seniors only. 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.
- Sept. 1 – Intention Flags with Judy Sarosik
- Sept. 15 – Acrylics with Gene Bertram
- Oct. 6 – Silk Landscapes with Diane Kribs-Mays
- Oct. 20 – Painted Silk Scarves with Diane Kribs-Mays

Intermediate Watercolor with Carl Mayer
One-day class, $45 registration fee. Students will bring their own supplies and sign up prior to class at 228-0472.
- Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.,
- Saturday, Oct. 24, 1 - 5 p.m.

Watercolor Workshop with Sterling Edwards
Monday, Sept. 28 – Thursday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
$525 registration fee
Sterling is an internationally renowned watercolor artist and teacher whose workshops are attended by hundreds of people each year throughout the United States and Canada who wish to learn his style of watercolors that range from impressionism to abstract.

Sterling’s original paintings are in several corporate collections and many private collections worldwide. He works from his home studio in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Sterling is affiliated with American Watercolor Society, National Watercolor Society, Transparent Watercolor Society of America, Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour, Watercolor Society of North Carolina and The Rusty Nail Painters.

To register for this workshop contact Kathy at kathybinoniemi@gmail.com or call 235-1226.

September Exhibits: Paul Nelson and JoAnn Shelby
The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its September Lake Superior Art Association (LSAA) Gallery exhibition by designer Ted Ross. Ross, an Assistant Professor of Furniture Design at Northern Michigan University, will present a new collection of work focused around the tradition of craft and the maker’s hand mixed with the exploration of local industry called “Mostly Functional.” Ross received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Murray State University and a Master of Fine Arts from the Herron School of Art and Design. His work has been included in the show and publication Humor in Craft. His work was a part of the Collectors of Wood Art show at SOFA Chicago, and most recently a part of Materials Hard and Soft in Denton, Texas.

The September SmallWorks Gallery will feature artwork by artist Laura Ross titled “ROYGBIV.” This collection of work is centered on our perception of light and color. The work is an exploration of the separation of colors individually and the properties each carry. Laura Ross received her Bachelor of Arts Education from Herron School of Art and Design.

The shows will be running from Sept. 1 to 25 with an opening artist reception on Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.

Fall Exhibits: Paul Nelson and JoAnn Shelby
The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its October/November LSAA Gallery exhibition by photographer Paul Nelson. Nelson, now a retired civil engineer, has been studying photography for eight years, attending lectures in the Upper Peninsula and in California. He has taken photography classes taught by professional photographers online through BetterPhoto.com where he was awarded their Advanced Photographer certification.

The November SmallWorks Gallery will feature artwork by artist JoAnn Shelby. Shelby specializes in alcohol-based inks with a focus on nature subjects.

The LSAA Gallery installation will be running from Sept. 29 to Nov. 19 and the SmallWorks exhibit will be available for viewing on Nov. 3 through 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.
Fire Prevention Week 2015

This year’s Fire Prevention Week takes place Oct. 4-10. The Marquette City Fire Department will host their annual Static Display Kick-Off Parade on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 11 a.m. (rain date is Saturday, Oct. 10). The display will be located on Bluff Street, directly behind Harlow Park.

The event will showcase a variety of emergency vehicles from various departments throughout Marquette County. Kids can see vehicles up close and talk to the firefighters on hand. Sparky the fire dog will be there along with refreshments. There will also be raffles for bikes and debit/gift cards for the kids!

This year’s campaign focuses on the importance of having a smoke alarm in every bedroom. According to the National Fire Protection Association, “The risk of dying in reported home structure fires is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.” So remember the slogan: “Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP” – because working fire alarms save lives! Hope to see you there!

Changes to Third Street Corridor

The City of Marquette continues to move forward with the implementation of the Third Street Corridor Sustainable Development Plan. The most recent improvement was the establishment of a dedicated bike lane and “sharrow” markings that provide for safer multiple use of the street by bicycles and motor vehicles.

The dedicated bike lane runs parallel with Third Street on the southbound lane and the “sharrow” markings appear in the northbound lane. The dedicated bike lane is a space dedicated for bicycles to travel with the flow of traffic, permitting them space, while a “sharrow” marking serves as a reminder for bicycles and motor vehicles that the travel lane of the street is for shared use in accordance with the Michigan Uniform Traffic Code. Both markings are supported by the City’s Complete Streets policy and the desire of the community captured in the Third Street Corridor Sustainable Development Plan.

Both markings were designed and placed in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

For more information on dedicated bike lanes and sharrows, please visit:

- http://nacto.org/publication/urban-bikeway-design-guide/bike-lanes/conventional-bike-lanes/

To read the community-adopted plan for the Third Street Corridor, please visit:


Cooperation and awareness from motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians is appreciated during the implementation and early use phase of this project.

Thanks to Revolutions for the drawing on the following page. Stay safe out there!
HOW TO RIDE YOUR BIKE ON THIRD ST

OTHER USEFUL TIPS!

Never ride against traffic!

Always signal turns.

All MI traffic laws apply to bikes.

Don’t ride like a jerk, it makes cars and other bicyclists mad.

For some really great info and resources on bike commuting in MI visit www.LMB.org.

REVOLUTIONS

www.revolutionsyouth.org

This public service announcement has been provided by Revolutions. We are fully aware that this sketch is not 100% accurate in representation of Third St in Marquette. If you drive a car, be nice to people on bikes because you’re driving a 3,000-ish pound vehicle. Ride at your own risk and celebrate new bicycle infrastructure. Buy and sell used outdoor gear at Revolutions - we’re a non-profit organization and your business supports our programs. Thanks.
Fall Yard Waste and Brush Collection—Neighborhood Zone Map

Below is the residential neighborhood zone map for the City of Marquette's fall yard waste and brush collection. As of the date of this publication, the schedule is as follows:

Last week of October - Brush pickup  
First week of November - Loose leaf pickup  
Second week of November - Bagged leaves only

For more information, updates to the schedule or questions, visit the City’s website at www.mqtcty.org/pworks_cleanup.html or call the Department of Public Works at 228-0444.

ZONE / DAY

1. MONDAY COLLECTION
2. TUESDAY COLLECTION
3. WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
4. THURSDAY COLLECTION
5. FRIDAY COLLECTION

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