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the Marquette Arts and Culture Center.
Pictured: Jessica Pesola from the
inaugural Halloween Spectacle,
downtown Marquette.
Information about this year's Spectacle
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Baraga Harvest Fest Downtown

The second annual Baraga Harvest Fest will take place on Saturday, Oct. 11, 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, live music and street dance, children's activities and much more.

This year, the event will sport an outdoorsman vibe, with New Holland Brewing Company premiering their Carhartt Woodsman Beer in the Breakers Road-house beer tent. This exciting opportunity is made possible through Getz's, as the largest distributor of Carhartt products in Michigan. A Carhartt fashion show and living lumberjack statues will complement the brew's unveiling.

The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum will 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 www.upchildrensmuseum.com.

Returning for a second year is the popular "Big Wheels Petting Zoo," featuring large equipment, emergency response vehicles and construction trucks for the younger set to explore. Sidewalk sales, information tents and booths from several downtown district businesses round out the day's offerings. Come celebrate fall and its bountiful beauty at the second annual Baraga Harvest Fest, presented by New Holland Carhartt Woodsman Beer.

For more information, contact the Marquette Downtown Development Authority at 906-228-9475 or visit www.downtownmarquette.org.

Downtown Trick-or-Treating

The Marquette's downtown business district is pleased to provide a safe and fun opportunity for children to trick-or-treat on Saturday, Oct. 25, 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 Downtown Development Authority at 906-228-9475.

Marquette will hold regular trick-or-treating on the day of Halloween, Oct. 31, during daylight hours.

Hockey on Third Parade

Celebrate the hockey spirit of Marquette at the fifth annual Hockey on Third parade, slated for Thursday, Sept. 18. 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.



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@mqctcity.org.

The word "Yoooper" was added to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary. The event was lauded by the Governor, and warmly received by all residents of the U.P. This action is interesting not only for the dictionary value - I.E., the grammatical pragmatics of identifying a new noun -- but more importantly, reflects the power of that label in how we think about ourselves and our community.

I frequently meet people from other parts of Michigan, the nation, and the world. For first-time visitors to the U.P., the conversations are remarkably similar. Compliments on the beautiful area; amazement at how friendly people are; how much fun events are - and a few comments that even with travel challenges, the experience makes the trip worthwhile. Great conversations - lots of welcome adjectives describing positive visitor views. Inevitably the conversations close with the question "What is a Yoooper?"

The word holds far deeper meaning than any dictionary can possibly describe. We all carry words within us - they tell a story which defines us - and informs the world of who we hope to be.

The differences between visitors are interesting. Foreign visitors use terms which highlight cultural differences, and diminish the geographic connotation of "Yoooper." Their views impart a qualitative sense of common adjectives; I.E. "upper" and "lower," as with "upper class" or "lower class."

Out-of-state visitors respond to the term "Yoooper" with a sense of exotic novelty. For many, the label reminds them of the distinctions other groups have chosen for themselves, such as the Cajuns of Louisiana, or Florida's self-proclaimed Conch Republic. "Upper" and "lower" reflect a sincere joy in discovering something new, and sharing an experience that is out of the ordinary - after all, they aren't called "Upper Dakota" and "Lower Dakota," or "Left Virginia" and "Right Virginia"!

Michigan visitors, remarkably, use the fewest words. Discussions always involve holding out both hands, and pointing to a place on either the left or right. Views always reflect geographic separation - and are focused on subjective comparisons, and the distinctive differences created by the unique geography of the state. Michigan visitors

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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, Sept. 8, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Oct. 27, 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.

MML Annual Convention Upcoming

The City of Marquette has been chosen to host the 2014 Michigan Municipal League Fall Convention, to be held Oct. 14-17, 2014. Widely considered to be a premiere event by all Michigan business and government stakeholders, this four-day program provides an outstanding opportunity to exhibit Marquette success stories, including the remarkable transformation currently underway within our community. Hundreds of municipal officials will gather from all across Michigan here in Marquette for the Convention.



Our community will have the pleasure of hosting the event on the campus of Northern Michigan University while showcasing the beauty of our city during the peak fall colors in Upper Michigan. Michigan's local government leaders will have the opportunity to engage in mobile workshops centered around the waterfront, mining history, trails/recreation, crowd-funding and microbreweries and "the historic Main Street."

This event is expected to bring 400-500 people to Marquette—many of whom will shop and dine in our downtown during the Convention and perhaps stay for the weekend following. This is our opportunity to show our fellow Michiganders why the U.P.—and Marquette in particular—is so unique and special. Join us in helping our visitors experience the warmth of Marquette's community this October!

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Landfill Permits

Residential Customers: Landfill permits are available for City residential property owners. The application fee is \$10 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.

Commercial Haulers: Permits expire on Oct. 31. Renewal applications will be mailed to currently permitted haulers in October. The permit fee is \$65 and the permit period is for one year from November to October. New haulers may also be required to provide a deposit of up to \$1,000 with their application.

Applications may be downloaded from the City's website www.mqtcity.org or picked up in the City Treasurer's Office.

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Summer Taxes

Current summer taxes are due Sept. 14, 2014, without penalty. Beginning Sept. 15, 2014, a penalty of 1% of the taxes due is added each month to the total due.

Summer Tax Deferment: Eligible taxpayers may defer their summer taxes by submitting an application for deferment to the City Treasurer by Sept. 14. To qualify, the gross annual household income cannot exceed \$40,000 and the applicant is either: 1) age 62 years or older, 2) paraplegic or quadriplegic, 3) eligible service person who served in the active military forces during a period of "war," 4) blind, or 5) totally and permanently disabled. A deferment postpones the due date of the summer taxes without interest from Sept. 14 to Feb. 14.

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2014 General Election



Pictured: City Clerk Dave Bleau

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.

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

In preparation for the General Election, the Clerk's Office will be sending out applications to vote to those voters on our permanent absent voter list by the end of the first week in September; and those on the list who return their application to vote will be sent ballots in late September. The City's Election Board will meet on Sept. 25, 2014, to appoint Election Inspectors and they will meet again to conduct mandatory testing (Public Accuracy Test) of the City's election equipment on Oct. 29, 2014, at 3 p.m. The Clerk's Office will also conduct training for election workers and precinct chairs and vice chairs just prior to the election. The last day to register to vote in this election is Oct. 6, 2014. Anyone with questions can contact the Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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) Early Registration

The City's off-leash area, located at Tourist Park, is open to the public from Nov. 1 through April 30 each year. Again this year, the City is encouraging early registration which will run from Sept. 8 through Oct. 24 as there will be no OLA permit sales from Oct. 27 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 if 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.

Winter Hours at City Hall

City Hall offices open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, beginning Tuesday, Sept. 2. For operating hours of all City departments and facilities, please visit our website at www.mqtcty.org/contact_us.html.

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—
One opening (healthcare representative)
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee—
Five openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals—
One opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee—
Two openings
- Local Officers Compensation
Commission—Two openings
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Ad-
visory 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—
One opening
- Planning Commission—Two openings
- Police/Fire Pension Board—One opening
- Sister City Advisory Committee—
Six openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee—
Three openings

The next session of New Committee Member Orientation will be held in City Commission Chambers at City Hall on Oct. 1, at 4 p.m.

Labor Day Holiday Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Avenue; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Avenue; the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, 217 N. Front Street; and the Municipal Service Center, 850 W. Baraga Avenue, will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, 2014, for Labor Day. 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 the 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.

Beaches to Close for Season

Regular waterfront lifeguard service at Marquette's beaches will terminate on Monday, Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. The City beaches will be posted "no lifeguard on duty" on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Depending on weather and personnel availability; lifeguards may be posted during September weekends.

During the month of September the Marquette Fire Department will continue to post beachfront advisory flags, however the public is reminded that they enter the water at their own risk. The Marquette Fire Department urges the public to exercise caution and common sense in and around the beach areas.

Beach flags are updated daily and can be viewed on the City's website at www.mqtcty.org then click on the waterfront safety tab on the left.



Code Michigan Event Coming to Marquette

Attention Marquette community, Code Michigan is coming! That's right, the news is out and this is your chance to get involved in a premiere event focused on developing applications to help reinvent Michigan government. But that's not all, there's prize money at stake! The State of Michigan, local units of government and the private sector have teamed up to launch the second annual Code Michigan event, to be held Oct. 3-5 in Detroit, Marquette and Newaygo. You can spend three days with an army of civic-minded developers and designers creating amazing apps for Michigan, with cash awards of \$5,000 for first place, \$1,500 for second place and a third place award of \$500. First place winners from each location will then go on to compete for the cash grand prize of \$10,000 and a 30-minute meeting to pitch their winning idea to Renaissance Venture Capital Fund. This year's event also features challenges, the contest within the contest that provides an opportunity to pad your victory with extra cash and prizes.

Don't miss out! This is your chance to get engaged, help in the effort to reinvent government and maybe even win some cash. At a minimum, you'll meet some cool people and have a lot of fun. To register, just go online to www.codemichigan.com and register for your desired location.

Get involved! Make a difference! See you at Code Michigan!



Fighting for a Cure

Annually, October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Again this year, the Marquette firefighters' bargaining union will be promoting their breast cancer awareness campaign called "Pink Shirt Fridays" throughout the month of October. Pink t-shirts are on sale at the number one Fire Station on Third Street for \$10 each, with proceeds benefitting the American Cancer Society. Community members are encouraged to wear their pink shirts every Friday throughout the month of October. For more information, please call the Marquette Fire Department at 906-228-0410.



Bill's Blog

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tend to focus on division.

So, how do Yoopers describe themselves? I leave that up to each reader. For government, words carry profound power, and reflect more than just how we choose to describe ourselves, or the labels others choose for us.

Occasionally, visitors ask me what the acronym "U.P.M." means, to which I reply "The Upper Peninsula of Michigan." Sometimes the question comes while I'm focused on other things – I.E., chatting with neighboring jurisdictions about inter-local agreements; coordinating legislative interests with representatives in Lansing; seeking the support of the Governor's team in regards to program issues and opportunities, etc.

I frequently find myself thinking about other meanings for this acronym – I.E., "The UNITED PENINSULA of Michigan" or even "The UNITED PENINSULAS of Michigan," and my idle logology transforms a few simple letters into a profoundly different idea. Yoopers are connected with the world as never before, and it's my personal hope we choose our aspirations to define us, our love for this region to unite us and collectively empower "Yooper" to be more than just a word.



Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Test Yours Every Month!

Fire Prevention Week • October 5–11, 2014 • Go to FPW.org



Smoke Alarms at Home

SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

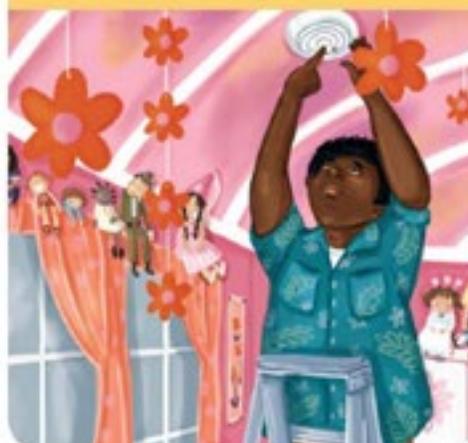


SAFETY TIPS

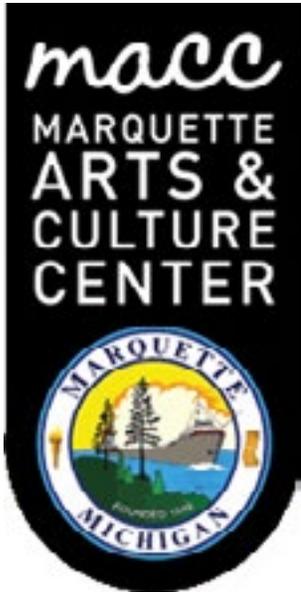
- » Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- » Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- » It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- » Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- » There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- » A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- » People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- » Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Smoke alarms should be installed inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ! Roughly 2 out of 3 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or the alarms are not working.



The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. 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.



Holiday Art Sale Application

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its 2014 Holiday Art Sale, which will be held on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This holiday sale is open to artists in all media: painting, photography, fibers, glass, jewelry, metals, wearable art, etc.

To be a part of the 2014 Holiday Art Sale, artists must apply for the jurying process. To be considered for the jurying process, artists are asked to submit the following: a self-addressed stamped envelope, six photographs or digital media (disc, jump drive, etc.) of their artwork (these images must be representative of what the artist will be selling at the sale).

Please mail artist images along with the application and payment to the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at 300 W. Baraga Avenue, or hand deliver artist images, application and payment to the Center at 217 N. Front Street. Failure to abide by the above listed criteria will result in disqualification from the jurying process.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 5, 2014. E-mail submissions will not be accepted. More detailed information and the application can be found on the City's website here: <http://www.mqctcy.org/arts-holiday-sale.php>.

September Exhibits

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its September exhibition: Burden of Place by Russell Thorburn and Sons. Russell Thorburn, a poet-in-residence for 12 years in the Upper Peninsula public schools, and U.P. Poet Laureate, will have a collection of poetry on exhibit accompanied by photographs taken by his sons.

His sons are Gabriel Thorburn, a Northern Michigan University Art and Design graduate who lives in Los Angeles and is employed by Warner Bros as an editor; Christopher Thorburn, a Michigan State University student studying bio chemistry; and Michael Thorburn, a Marquette Senior High school student and a published poet. The show will be running from Sept. 1 to Sept. 28, and there will be an artist reception on Thursday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.



Pictured: Russell Thorburn

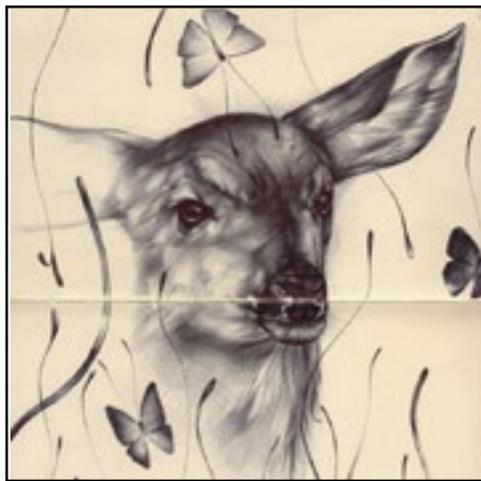
The SmallWorks exhibition will be: Weaving Crossroads: New Fibers and Old Traditions by the Yarnwinders Fiber Guild of Marquette. This exhibit is composed of contemporary hand weaving using traditional and non-traditional fibers and various mediums.

The Yarnwinders have been a group for over 65 years that's purpose is to promote the knowledge and practice of contemporary hand weaving. They have participated in demonstrations around Marquette including school presentations, community events, and fundraisers.

This show will also run from Sept. 1 to Sept. 28, and there will be an artist reception on Thursday, Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

October/November Exhibit: Fleet

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its October and November exhibition: Fleet by artist Jason Limberg. Limberg specializes in ballpoint pen and graphite drawing. Previously he has had solo art shows in Indiana and Wisconsin; he produces commissioned drawings, and has been featured in publications such as Juxatpoz Magazine.



Fleet is a collection of drawings influenced by the artist's fascination with nature, animals, and the passing of time. The pieces displayed will be of an intimate scale while being imaginative, observant and detailed. These works are executed with graphite on paper.

The show will run from Oct. 1 to Nov. 20, and there will be an artist reception on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Halloween Spectacle Volunteer Opportunities



The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is proud to announce the third annual Halloween Spectacle on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014. The City of Marquette and the Downtown Development Authority will host a large-scale community outdoor performance of giant puppetry, percussion and theatrical dance. The community is invited to create, build and perform in this year's Spectacle.

The MACC is looking for volunteers--individuals, groups, teams, organizations, coworkers and families. If you or your group has an idea or you want to take part in the Spectacle, contact the Arts and Culture Center, located at 217 N. Front Street in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. Needed are actors, musicians, set builders, stage managers, costume designers, makeup artists and security personnel. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Upper Peninsula Nature Writing Event

An evening of Upper Peninsula Nature Writing will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library located at 217 N. Front Street.

Writers from across the Upper Peninsula will read their entries in the Second Annual Nature Writing Contest. Kathleen Heideman of Marquette, was the winner of the Nature Writing Contest with her writing of *Attending Every Tiny Funeral*. 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 a photo presentation by Chris Burnett, U.P. Nature Photographer and Program Director with the U.P. Land Conservancy. 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.

This is a free event and the public is encouraged to attend. For additional information, contact North Country Publishing at 906-942-7879 or email northco@up.net.

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Workshop Calendar

Tips, Tricks and Techniques with Carl Mayer

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$40

Students will bring their own supplies.

Creative Fall Color with Carl Mayer

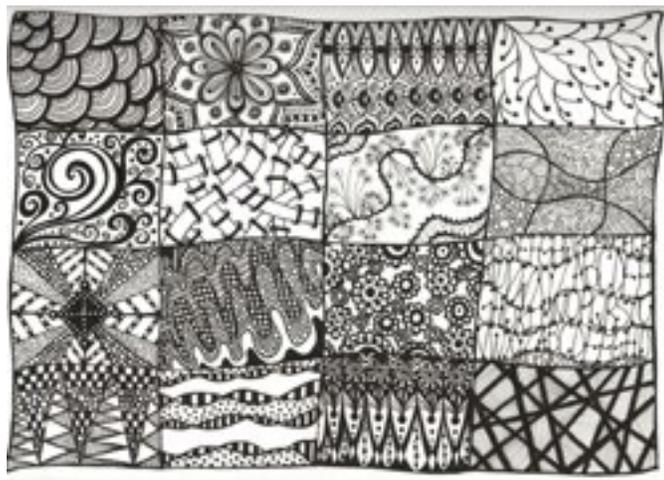
Saturday, Oct. 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$40

Students will bring their own supplies.

Zentangle with G.G. Gordon

Saturday, Oct. 11, 1 to 4 p.m., \$35

The Zentangle method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Loved by artists, adored by non-artists. All materials provided. Sample pictured right.



Senior Arts

First and third Tuesday of each month, 1-3 p.m.

Free for seniors, call 906-228-0456 to sign-up.

Tuesdays, Sept. 2 and 16, Zentangle with G.G. Gordon

Tuesdays, Oct. 7 and 21, Acrylics with Gene Bertram

Ballroom Dancing with Marge Sklar

First and third Wednesday 1-2 p.m., free for seniors

Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 5 and 19, Dec. 3 and 17

Update on Community Master Plan

This is a critical time in the evolution of the City of Marquette. If you are reading this you are likely to have a role to play in that evolution. As Marquette approaches a century and a half of incorporation (in 2021), the City is facing unique challenges brought on by urban growth, a large population reaching retirement age, changing preferences for ways to live and travel, rapid technological advances, shifting economic ground and climate change. Comprehensively, these challenges for us include maintaining a City that has attractive neighborhoods, affordable housing options, many ways to safely travel, a flourishing natural environment and a healthy business climate. City planning is a balancing act of short-term and long-term concerns, public interests and business interests, public safety and municipal budgets, water quality, waste management, and public recreation amenities. We plan in order to create a balance in the community that serves the public well.

The Marquette City Planning Commission is following a comprehensive planning process in updating the Community Master Plan (CMP), to discover how Marquetters are faring today and to ensure that we can improve their lives and businesses over the next 20 years, and to maintain the quality place Marquette residents want to live in today and in 2035. The Planning Commission kicked off the effort with a series of six community visioning workshops during the spring and summer of 2012. Planning Department staff has been drafting updates to the Plan document with direction from the Planning Commission since the visioning phase of planning ended, with the Planning Commission concurrently holding CMP work sessions at nearly all of their regular public meetings. It is now anticipated that the document will be complete and ready for



distribution and review by the end of November. This document will replace the Community Master Plan adopted in 2004, and it will not merely be an update to the 2004 Plan, but it is an extensively re-written Plan with a new, user-friendly format. This Master Plan effort builds upon the City's extensive history of public planning efforts, and considers extensive data and policy information, public opinions gathered, accomplishments and shortcomings of the previous Community Master Plan, and emerging issues. A set of prioritized recommenda-

tions for the next 20 years is being developed through this process. The Planning Commission recently completed drafting new land use recommendations for the CMP, which include preferred types of land use activity across the City, and relevant recommended general zoning categories that should be applied when re-zoning or creation of a new ordinance/code occurs. Staff will create a detailed map indicating those recommendations during the coming months.

Plan recommendations have also been formulated for demographics and housing, transportation, community services, the natural environment, waterfront activity, public health, arts and culture and heritage assets.

The Community Master Plan is primary guidance for strategically managing change and opportunities within the broad realm of urban affairs. It is grounded in the data, observations, and community preferences of the present time, but it speaks to the future. The Master Plan essentially identifies the gap between where we are as a community and where we want to go (as expressed in the Vision Statement), and provides recommendations on how to bridge the gap. The recommendations of the Master Plan follow from the Vision Statement, and its goals and objectives are clear and manageable. Recommendations are formulated to implement common initiatives within the short-, mid-, and long-term time horizons.

The Community Master Plan is not a "shelf document," as it is used by the Planning Commission on an ongoing basis as a reference in consideration of a variety of issues that require action by the board, such as re-zoning requests, conditional land-use permits, and site plan reviews. It is also the basis of the Zoning Ordinance and Waterfront Form-based Codes. In Michigan, a municipality may not adopt a Zoning Ordinance without an adopted Master Plan, as the legally enforceable provisions of the ordinance are intended to be based on the community preferences documented in the Plan. For example, property maintenance codes previously adopted by the City of Marquette were directly supported by survey data gathered during the last revision of the Master Plan in 2004.

Marquette is presently a small town in a rural area, but it may not remain so for much longer. In fact, Marquette could grow substantially depending upon how trends including large-scale economics and climate change develop, and/or based on its own successes and failures, as well as unforeseen events. Regardless, there will be many complex problems to solve over time, and the Master Plan is the key resource that City officials and the public can use to steadily advance the community toward its visionary future. The Community Master Plan is a living document that will be amended periodically, and updated thoroughly at least every ten years, to reflect changing circumstances. All Marquette residents and business owners are encouraged to keep apprised of the Community Master Plan update as it approaches completion, by letting the Planning Office know you would like to be included on their mailing list for the CMP update (email planner@mqctcy.org, or call 906-225-8103).

Trash to Treasure Day

City of Marquette residents are invited and encouraged to participate in the one-day community-wide "Trash to Treasure Day" on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The purpose of the program is to provide a venue for the recycling of reusable household items such as furniture, lamps, electronics and other working household items. The program is designed to increase awareness in recycling by creating an alternative means of reusing items that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

Guidelines

Residents can place reusable/serviceable items in front of their house on the curb no earlier than 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. Unclaimed items must be removed from the curb no later than 2 p.m. the same day.

Removal of items will be strictly enforced in accordance with Section 22.33 of the City's Nuisance Ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate rubbish or any articles or junk, except as

may be necessary for construction work or normal course of a business.

Items left at the curb will be picked up by the Public Works Department and invoiced to the property owner on a time, material and disposal fee basis.

College students are encouraged to participate in the treasure hunt in that they may find items which will be useful to them in their dormitory or apartment.

Examples of items that can be recycled include lamps, tables, chairs, dishes, etc. Please, no rubbish. Rubbish is defined to mean anything that does not work, is not clean and is not serviceable.

It is suggested that residents remove lawn ornaments and other wanted items to avoid mistaken identity.

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

Fall Yard Waste and Brush Collection

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.

All residents are asked to observe the following rules to provide for a safe, efficient cleanup. These collections are for brush, leaves, grass clippings and garden debris only. NO rubbish is allowed. All collected material will be composted. Material is not to be placed more than one week prior to pickup date. Material MUST be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. of the scheduled pick up date. Pile yard waste on the lawn next to the street edge, NOT in the gutter or on street pavement. Keep yard waste in front of your own property. Do NOT pile on vacant adjacent properties. Motorists are asked to avoid parking in positions that block access to leaf piles. The brush volume from each property is limited to one pickup load, a pile approximately 12'L x 6'W x 5'H. Crews will collect loose or bagged leaves Nov. 3 – 7. Crews will return to the same routes Nov. 10 – 14 and collect ONLY BAGGED LEAVES. All debris placed curbside after the first collection date must be bagged. Do not use City green bags for yard waste. Bags containing garbage or other rubbish mixed with the yard waste will not be collected. The City will not collect material after the last date listed below for each route. 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.

The following are dates of the City of Marquette's brush and leaf collection. Crews will collect brush week 1, leaves (bagged or loose) week 2 and leaves (bagged only) week 3.

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	
	BRUSH ONLY	LEAVES - BAGGED OR LOOSE	LEAVES - BAGGED ONLY	NEIGHBORHOOD
Mon.	Oct. 27	Nov. 3	Nov. 10	All streets north of Fair Avenue.
Tues.	Oct. 28	Nov. 4	Nov. 11	East Marquette bounded by and including Front Street on the west, Fair Avenue on the north and Baraga Avenue on the south.
Wed.	Oct. 29	Nov. 5	Nov. 12	The area west of Front Street and north of U.S. 41 Bypass bounded by and including Fair Avenue on the north and Seventh Street on the west.
Thurs.	Oct. 30	Nov. 6	Nov. 13	All streets south of U.S. 41 bypass.
Fri.	Oct. 31	Nov. 7	Nov. 14	The area west of Seventh Street and north of U.S. 41 Bypass bounded by and including Fair Avenue on the north.

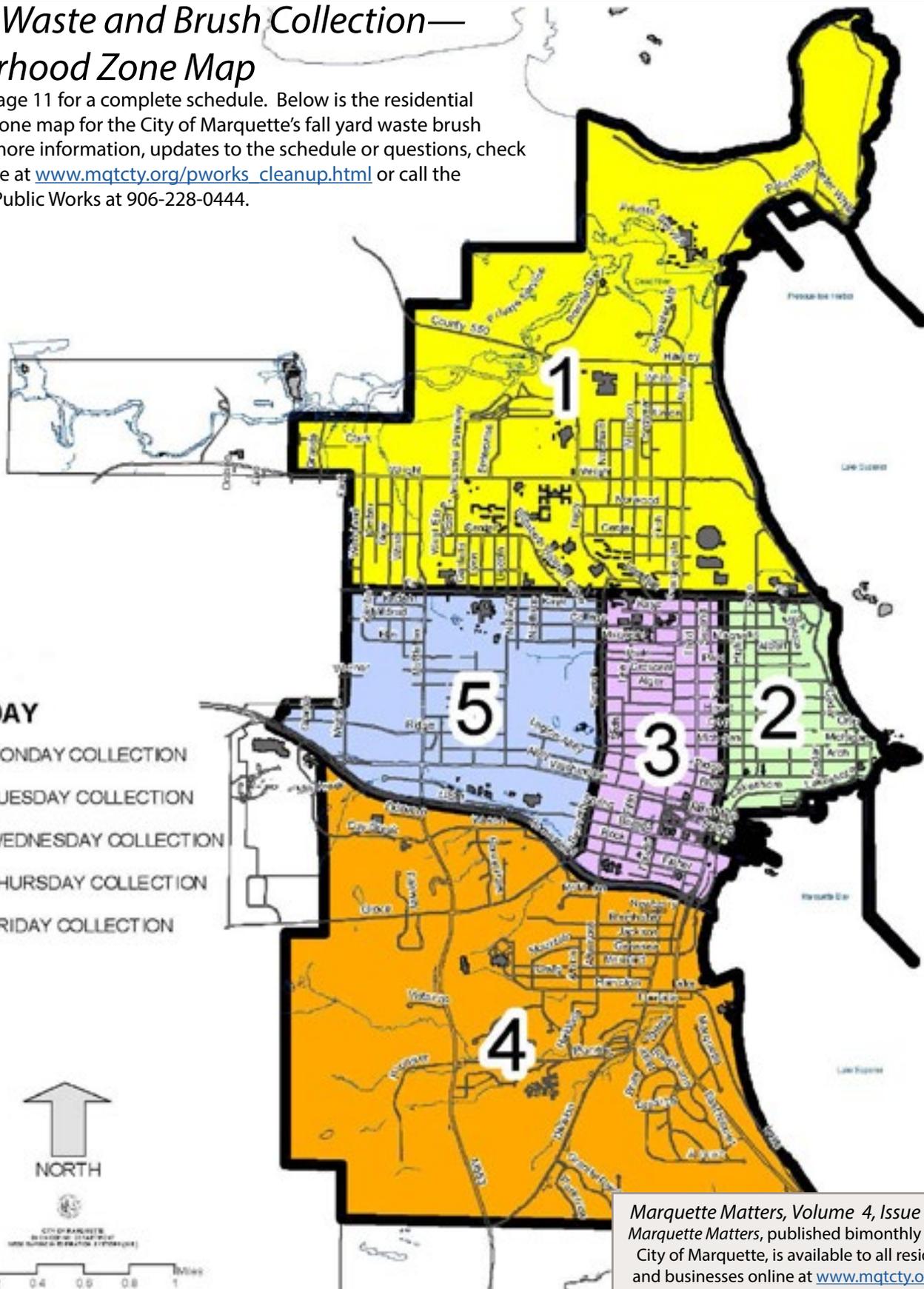
Open burning is not permitted in the City of Marquette. A neighborhood zone map is available on Page 12 of this publication. Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 906-228-0444. Any updates to this schedule will be made by public service announcement and available on the City's website, local (Charter) channel 191 and the City's Facebook page.

Fall Yard Waste and Brush Collection— Neighborhood Zone Map

Please refer to Page 11 for a complete schedule. Below is the residential neighborhood zone map for the City of Marquette's fall yard waste brush collection. For more information, updates to the schedule or questions, check the City's website at www.mqtcty.org/pworks_cleanup.html or call the Department of Public Works at 906-228-0444.

ZONE / DAY

-  1, MONDAY COLLECTION
-  2, TUESDAY COLLECTION
-  3, WEDNESDAY COLLECTION
-  4, THURSDAY COLLECTION
-  5, FRIDAY COLLECTION



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