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While there, you can also join the digital mailing list for *Marquette Matters*.

November City Commission Work Session

Cliffs-Dow Project Update

4:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27
City Hall, Commission Chambers

Agendas available online at:
marquette.novusagenda.com/Agendapublic/

Message from Mike

In each issue, the Marquette City Manager shares his comments in the form of a column. This issue, City Manager Mike Angeli (pictured right) shares comments on current goings of the City. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



As you read this, most (if not all) of the local road projects should be complete. However, I still feel compelled to apologize one more time for all the inconveniences caused by the sheer number of projects this season. If you're a local or have been in the area at all this summer, you know what I'm talking about and if you're new to the area or just passing through, I hope you will enjoy all of our recent traffic improvements. There is more to be done but we are going to have to wait until next construction season for those projects. Stay tuned.

On a more somber note, the area has just experienced two significant weather events (within the same week) that caused not only property damage, but an unfortunate loss of life as well. The good news is that City staff responded very well to both events and I am both happy and proud of the work that they were able to accomplish under harsh terms. Our lakeshore north of East Fair Avenue was hit especially hard but we are doing our best to keep it accessible to the

public and we are developing plans to repair and/or improve what we can.

On the bad news side of things, two lives were lost when two people ventured too close to the large waves caused by the storm on the north side of Presque Isle Park and were washed into Lake Superior. Although this type of storm is infrequent, it happens often enough and most, if not all, locals are very aware of the Lake Superior's intensity and avoid putting themselves in this kind of danger. As a matter of fact, Lake Superior is more like an ocean or sea to us instead of a lake. We do our best to educate and warn as many people as possible, including denying access to those areas that we deem dangerous. Unfortunately, no matter how much we post signs, lock gates or warn people, there are still the few who don't take it seriously.

Please enjoy the beauty of Lake Superior but also respect it's power and unforgiveness.

Winter for Public Works

With colder weather upon us, it is time for the Public Works Department to switch gears. Plow trucks are being prepared while sand and salt are being stock piled, waiting for the ice and snow to arrive. Since Mother Nature dictates when the colorful leaves fall, the compost site will remain open until weather tells us it is time to close. The same applies to the Presque Isle Park road around the island and the road leading to Mount Marquette. The last day the Household Rubbish site will be open for the season is Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will remain open every Tuesday night from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. until then. Marker posts to help snow plows and snow blowers will be placed throughout the City beginning early November. We ask that residents remove obstructions located in the City right of way, including basketball hoops and landscaping materials.



In preparation for the holidays, the annual Christmas tree drop off sites have been confirmed. Residents paying the "Solid Waste" fee on their monthly bills are eligible to drop their Christmas trees off at the Lakeview Arena parking lot or Hurley Field beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 14. Please remove all decorations and stands before disposing of the tree inside the orange fencing.

Winter Tax Information

Winter property tax statements will be mailed to City residents on Nov. 30. Tax collection begins Dec. 1 and payments are accepted without penalty through Feb. 14, 2018. Tax information can be accessed 24/7 on the City's website www.marquettemi.gov and is free to the property owner. Non-property owners are charged a \$2.00 lookup fee.



We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!



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City Commission Meetings

The Commission usually meets the second and last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 300 W. Baraga Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Citizens are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings:

Monday, Nov. 13, 2017, 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 18, 2017, 6 p.m.

Meetings are televised on local (Charter Cable) Channel 191. Additional meetings may be called, and changes may be made in accordance with the City Charter. Notices will be posted for such changes in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976.

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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 an application and the most up-to-date vacancy information: marquettetemi.gov/commission/boards-and-committees/vacancies/

• Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Board of Zoning Appeals	Four Openings
• Harbor Advisory Committee	Four Openings
• Local Development Finance Authority	Three Openings
• Local Officers Compensation Commission	One Opening
• Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board	One Opening, One Alternate Opening
• Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Planning Commission	Two Openings
• Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee	Two Openings

Holiday Closures

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; the Municipal Service Center, 1100 Wright St.; and the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library) will be closed Nov. 23-24, Dec. 25-26 and Jan. 1-2 for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. The Fire, Police and Public Works and Utilities Departments will remain open and staffed during this time.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Mike Angeli holds community office hours on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10 a.m. until noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The next community office hours sessions are scheduled for Nov. 8 and Dec. 13.

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.

Live Streaming Available

Live streaming of all regular City Commission meetings is available! Go to marquettetemi.gov and click on the Live Stream button under "Important Links" to watch the meetings on YouTube.

New City Emails

Due to the migration to the new website, the domain for all City of Marquette email addresses is now @marquettetemi.gov. If you have any City contacts on file, please take a second to update their contact information. All prefixes will remain the same, only the domain has changed (i.e. jsmith@mqtcy.org is now jsmith@marquettetemi.gov).

Winter Parking Ban

The Winter Parking Ban will begin Nov. 1 and run thru April 1, 2018. City residents, NMU students and visitors are reminded to find off-street parking during the hours of 1-6 a.m. during this time. Violation of the winter parking ban is \$75.00.

Residents are reminded that front yard parking is prohibited within the City of Marquette unless authorization is given by the Community Development office. This request must be made through them and a determination to allow this will be based on certain criteria. Front yard parking without prior approval is a violation of City ordinance, subject to a \$50 fine for a first offense. For more information, contact

Community Development at 906-228-0425.

Furthermore, parking in the right of way is prohibited in the City of Marquette unless authorized by the Police Department. This also must be requested and permission will only be granted after it is determined that it is the only viable option. Violation of right of way parking without prior approval is a violation of City ordinance and a \$50 fine. For more information regarding this, please contact the Marquette City Police Department at 906-228-0400.

Property owners are encouraged to make arrangements for off-street parking during the winter parking ban for residents and tenants of homes and rental units.



Marquette residents are also reminded that it is against City ordinance to deposit snow onto any City owned property, including sidewalks, streets, and the right of way during the winter ban whether maintained by the City or not. Placing snow onto the sidewalk, or City property, can result in a City ordinance violation ticket.

Landfill Permits Available

Landfill permits are now available for the fiscal year 2018. Applications may be downloaded from the City's website www.marquettemi.gov or picked up in the City Treasurer's office.

Commercial Haulers: Permits expired on Oct. 31. Renewal applications were mailed in October. The permit fee of \$65 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 with their application.

Residential Customers: The application fee for residential permits 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.



21st Annual Ladies Night

The 21st Annual Ladies Night is set for Thursday, Nov. 16 from 4-8 p.m. in Downtown Marquette. Enjoy a night of shopping, delicacies, entertainment and fun as Ladies Night provides the perfect opportunity to spend a night on the town in Marquette's Downtown District. Participating businesses pamper customers with in-store giveaways, hors d'oeuvres, sales, specials, prizes and more.

Complimentary transportation will once again be provided for the evening. Ladies can take advantage of this opportunity to explore everything Marquette's Downtown District has to offer. Shoppers can also register to win custom gift baskets each valued over \$800 and stocked full of gift certificates and goods from participating businesses.

Passports

Shoppers can register for coveted gift baskets valued over \$600 at each business by getting a passport stamped. Passports can be purchased for \$2 each at several convenient pick-up locations throughout the district the evening of the

event. An advance pick-up option will be offered through the Downtown Development Authority office as early as Monday, Nov. 14. Proceeds will benefit the Marquette Women's Center. Ladies are encouraged to purchase a passport at one of these locations before commencing their evening festivities. Please note: passports will not be supplied to individual businesses.

Passports will be available at the following locations:

Flower Works · 1007 N. Third St.

Available starting Monday, Nov. 13 and during the event, Thursday, Nov. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Marquette DDA Office · 203 S. Front St., Suite 1-B

Available starting Monday, Nov. 13. Passports will not be available at this location during the event.

Masonic Square Mall · 130 W. Washington St.

Available during the event, Nov. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m.



Small Business Saturday in the Downtown District!

Soon after the last of the turkey and stuffing leftovers have been consumed, Downtown Marquette businesses will be gearing up for the holiday shopping season. Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26 is a great opportunity to explore independently owned businesses for the perfect gift for your loved ones. Take advantage of the extensive knowledge and expertise of the downtown business owners and employees; they are more than willing to offer advice to help you make the best purchasing decision. Marquette's Downtown District covers Third Street from Fair Avenue to Baraga Avenue, Front Street from Ridge to Baraga Avenue, Washington Street from Seventh Street to Lakeshore Boulevard, Spring Street from Third to Lakeshore Boulevard, and Baraga Avenue from Third Street to Lakeshore Boulevard.

With a huge variety of shops within the district, you will be able to find something for even the most discerning person

on your list. Sources tell us that 60 cents of every dollar spent with an independent retailer is retained in the community, compared to six cents per dollar spent at a big box store. Shopping locally significantly impacts the local economy. Your dollars help to make Marquette's Downtown District strong!

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SMALL BUSINESS
SATURDAY®
NOV 25

Downtown Marquette Celebrates the Magic of the Seasons

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the sixth annual Downtown Marquette 'Winter Snow Fun' Holiday Parade, scheduled for Friday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. Bundle up and invite your friends and family to watch 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 the Marquette Commons where Santa Claus and friends will light up Downtown at the 42nd annual City of Marquette Tree Lighting Ceremony. Festivities include carolers, pony rides and visits with Santa Claus.

The Downtown Development Authority is extending an invitation to all local businesses, organizations, musicians and bands to enter a decorated float, vehicle or marching



unit into the parade. There is no cost to participate. If interested in entering the parade, contact the Marquette Downtown Development Authority before Monday, Nov. 27, or visit www.downtownmarquette.org.

Farmer's Market



Wherever you are headed this holiday season be sure to shop at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market for everything you need- food, gifts and decorations. The market is open Saturdays through Dec. 16 at the Marquette Commons from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., in Downtown Marquette, your

holiday preparation location.

What can you expect to find at the market in late fall? Plentiful produce including greens, late season tomatoes, all kinds of root vegetables- potatoes, onions, carrots, beets, parsnips, turnips, rutabagas, radishes, kohlrabi. Many varieties of squash, cabbages, Brussels sprouts, herbs, dried beans, maple syrup, honey, eggs, meat, jam, treats, bean-to-bar chocolate and locally roasted coffee beans- all fabulous food for feasting, stocking stuffers and hostess gifts! Stock up on the storage food to get you through the winter, until

the market opens in the spring.

November and December are decorating and gift-giving times. Absolutely beautiful artisan goods are available at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market such as autumn arrangements, Christmas trees and wreaths, beautiful baskets, custom knives, bird houses and feeders, greeting cards and gift labels, candles, woolen goods, jewelry, personal care products and much more. When you are shopping for gifts, show you care by choosing unique, locally produced goods.

Credit/debit cards accepted, SNAP/Double Up Food Bucks distributed and Hoophouses for Health accepted where eligible. Check mqtfarmersmarket.com for the weekly vendor list.

See you at the market through Dec. 16!

Silver Sampler Winter

The Silver Sampler program is an outdoor recreation program for those 55 years of age and older who live within the service area of the Marquette Senior Center in the City of Marquette, Marquette Township, Chocolay Township and Powell Township. Our goal is to encourage folks to get out to play in the outdoors, and to build skills, confidence and connections for exploring the outdoors through safe and supported events. The Sampler is now in its third season and offers programs year round for those to get out and enjoy the outdoor venues in and around Marquette County.

The fall and winter programs will be offering hikes,

snowshoeing, winter conditioning, rock/ice climbing, ice cave tours, dog sledding, cross country skiing and more! If you want to get outside during the winter, but are hesitating because you don't want to go alone, don't know where to go or don't have the equipment or skill, we invite you to come out and play with us and join a great group for our upcoming season of fun!

For more information and the upcoming schedule for events, please contact the Marquette Senior Center at 906-228-0456. Although the events are free, we ask that you sign up prior to the event with the Center.

Public Art Commission Now Accepting Applications

The Marquette City Commission recently adopted a Public Art Policy, effective Oct. 1, 2017. The City recognizes that the inclusion of art in appropriate capital improvement projects in the City will promote its cultural heritage and artistic development, enhance the City's character and identity, contribute to economic development and tourism, add warmth, dignity, beauty and accessibility to spaces accessible to the public, and expand the experience and participation of citizens with the arts. The adopted policy established a Public Art Commission and made funding available to support the inclusion of works of art in public spaces in the City. At this time, the City of Marquette is seeking residents to serve on the Marquette Public Art Commission (MPAC). The seven-member volunteer oversight body will be responsible for developing guidelines and administering the new Policy.

The MPAC will be made up of seven regular members appointed by the City Commission, of which at least four members must be art professionals (artist, performing artist, architect, landscape architect, curator, arts writer, arts educator, arts administrator or individual with a college level degree in an art field). The three remaining members simply require an interest in public art and commitment to our community. All members will meet the board and committee membership requirements set forth in the City Charter and will serve staggered three-year terms.

Public art is defined as both temporary and permanent

works of art created, purchased, produced or otherwise acquired for display on or in public spaces or facilities. Public art means the product of a skilled artist (or group of artists) and includes, but is not limited to, material aesthetic enhancement of a building or landscape, paintings, sculptures, engravings, murals, mobiles, photographs, drawings, performance art, works in video and sound and works in fiber.

Members of the Public Art Commission will be charged with the management of an annual \$30,000 budget made up of City funds. They will make recommendations regarding the disbursement of public art funds, acquire, update and manage City-funded public art and will develop guidelines, with input from the public, to implement the goals of the Public Art Policy, including procedures for soliciting and locations for public art. Public Art Commissioners will also work with City staff to conduct an initial and ongoing inventory of existing public art and public art under construction in the City.

The full Public Art Policy and applications for the Public Art Commission are available at www.marquettemi.gov/public-art-commission/. Applications are also available in the City Manager's Office located at 300 W. Baraga Ave. The City Commission will begin reviewing applications starting in December to begin the selection process; however, applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis. Please call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@marquettemi.gov for more information.

Examples of public art in Marquette:



Statue of Father Marquette. Photo from the Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committee



Unveiling of the Phil Niemisto statue in the Phil Niemisto Pocket Park.

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) 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@marquettemi.gov.



Fall Exhibits: Taimur Cleary & Christine Lenzen / Nathan Meadows

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces the continuation of the current LSAA Gallery exhibition by Northern Michigan University professors Taimur Cleary and Christine Lenzen. "Untitled (Unearthed)" is an exhibition of photographs and an interactive installation. A large collection of photographs highlights individual specimens and groupings. Pedestals and containers throughout the space encourage viewers to create and highlight their own selections from the hundreds of actual rocks placed in the gallery.

The November SmallWorks Gallery will feature "Wonderquest: Honoring our living mysteries with in the mystery," a video memoir by Nathan Meadows with music by

Samuel Seth Bernard.

The LSAA exhibit will run through Nov. 15, while the SmallWorks exhibit will run from Nov. 6-30. An opening reception will be held on Nov. 9 from 6-9 p.m. featuring music by Nathan Meadows and Jennifer Pickard with a performance by TaMaMa Dance Company.

Winter LSAA Exhibit: Superiorland Woodturners

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its Winter LSAA Gallery exhibition by a local group, the Superiorland Woodturners. The Woodturners formed in 2007 and are a chapter of the American Association of Woodturners. The club meets monthly in the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at the Peter White Library and has over thirty members. The focus of the Superiorland Woodturners club is to pass on the knowledge of woodturning and to bring those who are interested in the artform together.

There will be a broad range of shapes, finishes and projects represented, from bowls to platters and wall hangings.

The LSAA exhibit will run from Nov. 19 – Dec. 29 with an artist reception held on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6-8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



December SmallWorks Art Exhibit: Micki Carey, Jewelry

Senior Arts Series

Visual Arts

Classes are offered twice a month and take place at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center.

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1-3 p.m. – Watercolors with Carl Mayer

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 1-3 p.m. – Zentangle with GG Gordon

There will be no classes in December.

Performing Arts

Senior acting classes will take place on the first and third Mondays in November from 2-4 p.m. at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center.

These classes are open to individuals ages 60+ and cater to a wide variety of skill levels. Participation is FREE to City of Marquette residents, but non-residents are welcome to attend for a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the cost of instruction. Interested parties must pre-register by contacting the Senior Center at 906-228-0456.

Felting with Marikah– Wool Painting Workshop

Saturday, Nov. 11, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

\$50 registration fee.

In a few hours time, you will learn how to make a picture using many different types of wool and some other natural fibers. No felting nor drawing experience is necessary, and all supplies will be provided. Please bring a frame with glass for an 8x10 image and sharp, medium-sized scissors. Children under 10 years will need an adult assistant.

To register, please email Masha Kakhova at 4marikah@gmail.com.

Felting with Marikah– Mittens Workshop

Saturday, Dec. 2, 12-5 p.m.

\$50 registration fee

To register, please email Masha Kakhova at 4marikah@gmail.com.

Little Art Lab

Every Tuesday in November from 3-4 p.m.

Ages 4-8 years old.

Pay what you are able, donations for supplies are welcome.

Pre-registration appreciated. Contact Beth at 906-250-1996 for more information.

Beginners Tai Chi in the Gallery with Marc Weinrick R.Ac

Every Friday in November, 10-11:30 a.m.

\$50 per month registration fee.

To register call 906-228-0472.

Learn traditional Yang style Tai Chi- a slow moving, graceful, meditative, martial art that has been shown to benefit balance, blood pressure, cholesterol and muscle strength. Great for people of all ages. Come dressed comfortably. No experience required.

Participants should bring a yoga mat, comfortable/loose-fitting clothing and indoor athletic shoes to class.



All classes take place at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library.

The Creative Community Series is made possible by grant funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. To learn more about how to host your own workshop or for any questions regarding the series, contact the Art Center at 906-228-0472 or arts-culture@marquettemi.gov.

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! **Two of every five** home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! **Nearly half** of decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

Marquette City Fire Department
906-225-8936

Holiday Cooking Safety



Cooking is a hallmark of the holiday season, but so is the increased risk of cooking fires.

As the holiday season arrives, with family gatherings, festive activities and elaborate meals, let's not forget about the importance of safety in the kitchen. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

Here are some tips to keep in mind while preparing food for the holidays:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check on it regularly.
- Keep kids and pets away from the stove. Maintain a three-foot "kid-free" zone around the stove.
- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, curtains, decorations—away from your stovetop.

Visit the National Fire Protection Association website to learn more about potential fire risks during the holidays. The NFPA offers additional tips, statistics, reports, videos, and other resources geared toward safety. <http://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education>

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