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

### City Commission Work Session

#### Recycling

5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, at  
Citizens Forum Room, Lakeview Arena  
401 E. Fair Ave.

Agendas available online at:  
[marquette.novusagenda.com/Agendapublic/](http://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.



Well, it's midwinter and we have successfully completed all of the annual outdoor events that I talked about in the last newsletter. I need to go light on the "we" because I have had very little to do with that success, but in a small way we're all involved somehow. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank all of those who ARE in the thick of it and have worked very hard over the years to make our community a positive place to be. Especially in the winter.

This time of year for the City is filled with planning and preparing for the summer. Which to us is also best described as "the short construction season". We try to schedule these projects through a five-year plan, but on occasion things happen to either change or add to that plan. Two such changes happened last year. The first was the result of a serious storm last October that caused considerable shoreline damage and the second was the long-awaited acquisition of the old Lighthouse property from the U.S. Coast Guard.

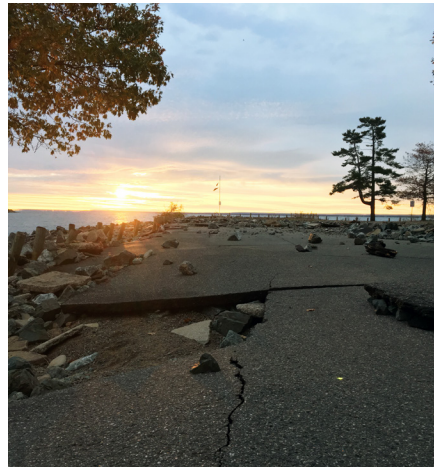
A large portion of the shoreline that was damaged during the storm occurred at Shiras Park (Picnic Rocks) where much of the shoreline and a large part of the parking area were impacted. As a result, the park was closed to the public. By shifting some of our financial resources around we hope to have a short-term fix in place so that the park can be re-opened for this summer. Because some of the fixes that we have in mind (both long and short-term) will reconfigure the parking area and entrance, the park will look

somewhat different when re-opened. We will also begin the planning for a permanent, long-term fix.

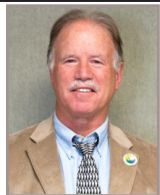
You can also look forward to some improvements at the new Lighthouse Park. The City Commission recently accepted a long-term development plan for the park that outlines the proposed improvements. Also by shifting some of our financial resources we are happy to say that we will begin some of those improvements this summer as well. At the very least we hope to relocate the multiuse

path, refurbish the Captain's house for use as a short-term rental, possibly refurbish the old station house and generally clean-up the property. If time and money allows we will also look at improving the entrance to the park via East Arch Street.

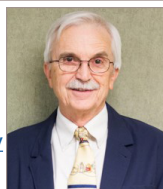
Overall, we're looking forward to another busy "short construction season" and we hope that you are here with us.







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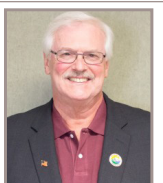
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### City Commission Meetings

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, March 12, 2018, 6 p.m.**  
**Monday, March 26, 2018, 6 p.m.**  
**Monday, April 9, 2018, 6 p.m.**  
**Monday, April 30, 2018, 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/](http://marquettetemi.gov/commission/boards-and-committees/vacancies/)

• Board of Review	Two Openings
• Board of Zoning Appeals	Five Openings
• Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	Two Openings
• Harbor Advisory Committee	Four Openings
• Investment Advisory Board	One Opening
• Local Development Finance Authority	Five Openings
• Local Officers Compensation Commission	One Opening
• Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board	One Alternate Opening
• Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Planning Commission	One Opening
• Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee	One Opening

## 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 on March 30 for Good Friday. 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 March 14 and April 11.

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.

## Rental Inspection Reminder

As a reminder to all landlords, property managers, rental tenants, City Code requires that all rental properties within the City of Marquette be registered, inspected and certified. To verify if a property is registered or to receive a registration application, contact the Marquette City Fire Department by phone at 906-225-8596 or at their office located 418 S. Third Street, Marquette, MI. To print the application packet from the City website, go to: <https://www.marquettetemi.gov/departments/fire/inspections/>

Certificates of compliance are not transferrable. When property ownership changes, it is the new owner's responsibility to register the property within 30 days of purchase or prior to tenants occupying the property. Failure to comply may result in a civil infraction citation being issued to the owner.

## Nominating Petitions Available for City Office, Due April 24

The Marquette City Clerk's Office is accepting nominations for the City elective offices which will be filled this year. There will be two vacancies on the Marquette City Commission and two vacancies on the Marquette Board of Light and Power. Packets containing nominating petition forms, the required certificates and information sheets will be available by mid-March in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette.

The deadline for filing nominating petitions is 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24. To be eligible to run for elective office in the City, candidates must have been registered voters of the City for at least one year and must not be in debt to the City.

## Ice Safety Equipment Program

The Marquette City Fire Department would like to remind residents and visitors of Marquette to stay safe on Lake Superior this winter. To assist in this, the Fire Department, through a generous grant from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, is currently handing out self-rescue ice picks, emergency whistles and ice safety information free of charge at the Fire Station #1 at 418 S. Third St. in Marquette.



### Treading water

Do not panic and thrash about. Resist the urge to gasp, slowly tread water or grasp the edge of the ice to keep your head above the water.



### Kick and pull

Keep your hands and arms on the ice and kick your feet. This brings your body to a horizontal position, parallel to the ice surface.



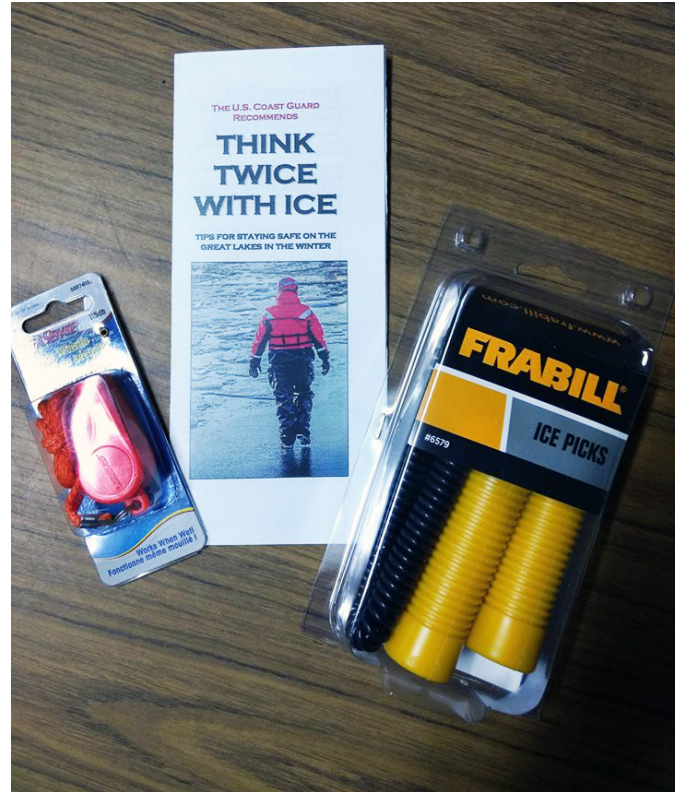
### Horizontal kick and pull

Once horizontal, continue to kick your feet while pulling with your hands. Draw yourself up onto the ice.



### Roll onto the ice

Keep your weight spread out as you roll, crawl, and slide across the ice until it will support your weight.



## 2018 Pigs-N-Heat

The 35th annual Marquette Pigs-N-Heat game will be on Wednesday, March 14. The Pigs-N-Heat charity hockey game draws between 2,500–3,000 people and raises approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 annually. Money raised from the game goes to benefit Marquette County families who have suffered losses due to fire. A monetary donation based on the family size along with three nights of lodging at a local motel is provided to help the family start over.

Tickets are available from Marquette Police and Firefighters. Tickets are only \$1 and support a great cause. Pick yours up today at Fire Station #1, 418 S. Third St. or in the Marquette Police Department in the lower level of City Hall.



**PIGS-N-HEAT**

2018 PIGS N HEAT  
35th ANNUAL CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH AT 6:45PM  
LAKEVIEW ARENA • \$1.00 DONATION

**\$1000.00 GRAND PRIZE** from Eagle Mine

**\$500.00 Prize** from HOLIDAY STATION STORES

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Since its inception in 1984, the Pigs & Heat Hockey Game has raised over \$420,000 and \$370,000 has been distributed to fire victims throughout Marquette County. visit the website: [pigsheat.org](http://pigsheat.org)



## Eastside Originals Restaurant Week



Mark your calendars, the date for 2018's Restaurant Week in Marquette has been set. Celebrate the local flavors of Marquette's Eastside Dining District during the sixth annual "Marquette Restaurant Week," March 4-11, 2018. The Eastside Originals participating restaurants, consisting of independently owned and operated restaurants within Marquette's Eastside, will offer \$10 fixed price lunch menus and select dinner meals for \$25. Restaurant Week provides the community the opportunity to experience a wide variety of culinary opportunities for foodies to enjoy. Whether it is fine dining, local seafood, and artisan baked goods, pub grub, authentic ethnic cuisine or just a good sandwich, enjoy these Eastside gems at an affordable price.



*All Photographs for Restaurant Week Courtesy of Josh LeClair with LeClair Photography*

## 2018 Farmers Market Season



A sure sign of Spring getting near, applications for the 2018 season of the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market are now available on the market website [mqtfarmersmarket.com](http://mqtfarmersmarket.com). The Market opens May 26 and operates every Saturday through Dec. 15 at the Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St., Marquette from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. There is room for new vendors and you should make plans now to expand a hobby into a small business for yourself and be a part of the Saturday morning excitement of the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market. Vendor attendance at the Market can be as few as a couple of Saturdays per season and can go up to every week depending on your schedule. In addition to the variety of farmer and artisan vendors, there is live music weekly through mid-October and demonstrations throughout the season. SNAP benefits and Double Up Food Bucks are distributed all season. WIC Project FRESH and Senior Market FRESH are

accepted June through the end of October. Hoophouses for Health vouchers are distributed at the market and participating farmers accept them throughout the season. E-mail [marketmanager@mqtfarmersmarket.com](mailto:marketmanager@mqtfarmersmarket.com) or call 906-362-3276 for additional information or to talk through an idea. See you at the market!



## 2018 Reconstruction Projects

Various street and utility reconstruction projects are being designed by City engineering staff and are being instituted for this construction season. These projects meet the intent of the City's Master and Capital Improvement Plans to manage the City's infrastructure assets.

The following are the projects planned for reconstruction this year:

### *Presque Isle Avenue (Fair Avenue to Wright Street)*

A reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the storm water utilities, water main/services and sanitary sewer main/services. The street surface, subbase, curbing and sidewalk will be removed and replaced. The new street will have designated parking on the west side of the street, a shared southbound vehicular/bike travel lane, center turn lane, a northbound vehicular travel lane and a northbound designated bike lane. We are anticipating construction to begin in late May. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

### *Fifth Street (Fisher Street to Spring Street)*

A reconstruction project that includes the extension and replacement of the storm water and sanitary sewer utilities. The water services and sanitary sewer laterals will be replaced if found in poor condition. The street surface, subbase and curbing will be removed and replaced. Sidewalk will be extended on the east side of the street from Rock Street to Fisher Street. We are anticipating construction to begin in June. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Jim Compton or Keith Whittington.

### *Homestead Street (Grove Street to Ward Street)*

A street upgrade project that includes the extension and partial replacement of the storm water, sanitary sewer and water utilities. Sanitary sewer and water services will be replaced if found in poor condition. The street surface and subbase will be removed and replaced. Curbing that is in poor condition will be removed and replaced. We are anticipating construction to begin in June. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

### *McClellan Avenue Widening (US 41 to Washington Street)*

An upgrade project that will widen the existing street with the addition of a designated left turn lane. In addition, a permanent island structure will be constructed on Baraga Avenue just east of the McClellan Avenue intersection to prevent left turns onto McClellan Avenue. We are anticipating construction starting in July or August. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

### *Street Improvement and Maintenance Projects (SIMP)*

This is an annual project where streets that warrant heavy maintenance are milled and overlaid. This construction season, as with the past six seasons, we will be going green with the use of recycled asphalt shingles in the paving mixtures. Street sections that are preliminarily planned for treatment are Pioneer Road, Ridge Street, Kimber Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, Magnetic Street, Ohio Street, Park Street, Pine Street, Prospect Street and Second Street. We are anticipating construction starting in July or August. Any questions regarding these projects and the specific street limits can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

### *Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Program*

This is an annual project where streets that receive heavy maintenance activities also receive sanitary sewer lateral replacements where necessary. Laterals replaced are those that are found to be in poor condition or consist of Orangeburg material. Any questions regarding this project and the specific locations can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

### *Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Project*

This is an annual project where portions of sidewalk which have been determined by the Engineering and Public Works Departments to be hazardous to the public are removed and replaced. Sidewalk lips 1/2 inch or greater are prioritized by lip height and scheduled for replacement. The amount of sidewalk replaced is based on the amount of funds available. We are anticipating construction starting in July. Any questions regarding this project and the specific locations can be directed toward Keith Whittington.

### *Sanitary and Storm Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project*

This project will televise and clean sanitary sewer and storm sewer mains throughout the City. This will continue our annual process and televise and clean those mains not covered previously by our SAW grant. All televising video, pictures and reports will be completed using national standards. Piping will be conditioned, assessed and rated for severity. All the information will be integrated into our GIS system for ease of use by City staff. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington.

### *Presque Isle Parking Area Upgrade (Band Shell Parking)*

This project will place curbing and pave the current gravel parking lot that serves the Band Shell and adjacent park area. We are anticipating construction starting in September. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

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Eagle Drive Upgrade (Cemetery)

This project will upgrade the existing gravel drive with an asphalt surface. We are anticipating construction starting in September. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

East Baraga Avenue Extension (Lakeshore Boulevard to the East)

The project will extend Baraga Avenue to the south and east for the new Founders Landing development. Water main and storm sewer utilities will be extended to provide service to the new development. Funding is being made available through the Founders Landing Brownfield Redevelopment tax capture. We are anticipating construction to begin in July or August. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Jim Compton or Keith Whittington.

Shiras Park Parking Area Access

This project will provide a temporary solution to gain access to the parking area at Shiras Park. An access way will be constructed south of the existing driveway. The parking lot area will have the storm damage material removed. The wood post bollards will be brought inland to a point deemed feasible to avoid future closure and damage to the parking area caused by unanticipated storm events. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington.

The Engineering staff would like to remind the public to be aware of all construction signing, detour routes and the workers while they are traveling near or through any of the construction or work zones. We want to keep everyone safe!

# Land Development Code Project Update

For the past six months, the City of Marquette has been fully engaged in the monumental task of overhauling all of its codes that specifically address the use and development of private property in the City, namely the Zoning Ordinance and Waterfront Form-based Codes, the Sign Ordinance, the Fence Ordinance, and the Subdivision Ordinance, with the goal of consolidating these ordinances into a modern, user-friendly Land Development Code (LDC) document. The intended impacts of this project are to update zoning districts and standards for various land uses and development, to reduce the complexity of the current land-use ordinances and reduce the

number of variance cases caused by outdated standards and to incorporate new standards for increased environmental protection and the mitigation of the negative impacts of urbanization and growth.

The LDC project has, to date, produced a complete first draft of the entire document with 15 Articles (chapters) covering all of the necessary ordinance elements. The last set of these Articles was reviewed in February by the Planning Commission, the Land Development Code Advisory Committee (LDCAC) and City staff. McKenna Associates of Michigan is providing consulting services and is actively drafting and re-drafting code language and graphics and is reporting to the two committees above with a monthly presentation. Staff has worked closely with the consultants to ensure the LDC will be the right code for Marquette and to ensure it incorporates recommendations of the Community Master Plan (2015) and reflects amendments that the

committees and staff have requested. Since the draft LDC review began in the summer, each Planning Commission meeting (two per month typically) has included a work session on this project and the LDCAC has held one meeting each month since its inception in September.

The second draft of the LDC will be reviewed in the same manner as the first draft. It will be looked at in pieces as the Articles are completed, combined and sent to staff. In the case of the second draft, the review should be considerably faster as it will be primarily focused on amendments to the first

draft. The vast majority of items selected for amendment in the first draft of the LDC have been evaluated, discussed, debated and settled through the committee's review processes. There are likely to be some debates ahead on significant code elements and, once those are resolved and

the second draft is completed, there will be a public hearing process for public comments prior to adoption of the LDC. The public hearing processes could begin as early as May and it is advisable that City residents and other concerned parties get involved and ask any questions they may have as soon as possible. Questions should be directed to the City Planner, who may be reached by phone at 906-225-8103 and by e-mail at [dstensaas@marquettemi.gov](mailto:dstensaas@marquettemi.gov). The Community Development office is located at 1100 Wright St., Marquette in the Municipal Service Center.

## Project Schedule

<b>Month 1 – Project Initiation</b>	<b>Month 5 – General Regulations (Parking, Landscaping, Environmental Protection, Signs, etc.)</b>
<b>Month 2 – Diagnostic (Technical) Review of all Land Development Ordinances, including review of Master Plan and minutes of Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals</b>	<b>Month 6 – Administration</b>
<b>Month 3 – Annotated Outline and Format for Land Development Code</b>	<b>Month 7 – Zoning Map</b>
<b>Month 4 – Zoning Districts, including any new zoning districts and overlay districts</b>	<b>Month 8 – Second Draft Review</b>
	<b>Month 9-12 – Public Hearings and Adoption (Planning Commission and City Commission)</b>

Review of drafts by City Staff prior to meetings



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](mailto:arts-culture@marquettemi.gov).



## March Exhibits: NMU Art and Design Students and Marquette Artist Collective

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its featured exhibitions for the month of March. The LSAA gallery will feature "SEEN / UNSEEN," an exhibition by Photography students from Northern Michigan University's School of Art and Design. The exhibit, a collaborative effort between students enrolled in the senior seminar, explores themes of identity, mental health, urban and rural landscapes and more. Special thanks to Art and Design Professors, Emily Lanctot and Tracy Wascom, as well as local photographer, Lali Khalied, for carefully jurying the exhibition.



The March SmallWorks Gallery features "Good Things Group Show," a group exhibition by six members of the Marquette Artist Collective: Claire Moore, Christine Saari, Rachel Storck, Joy Bender Hadley (founder), Stacy Giroux and Cameron Wilcox. The Marquette Artist Collective is a flexible, diverse group of visual artists from the Marquette community whose main focus is to be a creative, supportive and exhibiting group that meets bi-monthly to discuss art locally and worldwide, hold critiques and to create plans that contribute to their mission of creatively engaging the community in furthering the visual arts. The Collective was founded in August 2017, starting with three artists, Joy Bender Hadley, Melissa Sprouse and Claire Moore, and has since grown to 20 artists.

## April Exhibits: Seeking High School Artists For April Show

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center will host the fifth annual High School Art Show in April in both galleries. Any high school-age student (this includes homeschooled) living in Marquette County may enter a piece for this non-juried show. Any medium is welcome, including paint, ceramics, drawing, mixed media and video.

All art must be ready to hang. Please drop off work by Thursday, March 29. The show will be on exhibit from April 4 through 28 with an opening artist reception on Thursday, April 5 from 6- 8 p.m. For more information or questions, please contact 906-228-0472 or email [arts-culture@marquettemi.gov](mailto:arts-culture@marquettemi.gov).

## 22nd Annual Art Awards

Due to the construction and renovations set to take place at Peter White Public Library from late Spring until early Fall of 2018, the 22nd Annual Art Awards Ceremony will be postponed until November or December. The nomination form will stay live through late summer/early fall.

The City of Marquette is welcoming citizens to nominate deserving members of the community to be considered for the 2018 Annual Art Awards. These awards are offered to recognize and thank citizens who have demonstrated artistic excellence and/or have made significant contributions to awareness of arts in our community.

Nominations for the 22nd Annual Art Awards are being accepted for the following categories: Arts Volunteer, Arts Activist, Arts Educator, Youth Award, Visual Artist, Performing Artist, Special Recognition, Community Arts Impact, Art Business Honor Roll and Writer.

Nomination forms and criteria may be picked-up at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front Street, or found online at <https://goo.gl/1Yniqq>.

The Award recipients will be honored at a public ceremony, date to be determined, in November or December 2018. Please note that nominations for non-residents are welcome as long as the nominee has made contributions to the City of Marquette. A complete list of past award winners can be found at <https://goo.gl/3yPsWi>. For more information, contact the MACC at [arts-culture@marquettemi.gov](mailto:arts-culture@marquettemi.gov) or 906-228-0472.

## Senior Arts Series

### Visual Arts

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

Tuesdays, March 6 and 20, 1-4 p.m.

Watercolor Painting with Briana Waltman

Tuesdays, April 3 and 17, 1-3 p.m.

Diane Crib-Mays

## Felting with Marikah – Easter Eggs

March 10, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

\$35 for adults, \$25 for children (6-13).

Fun felting class for adults and children, using both wet and needle felting techniques. All supplies provided.

To register, please email Masha Kakhova at [4marikah@gmail.com](mailto:4marikah@gmail.com) or call 248-556-6839.



## Watercolors with Carl Mayer

Tuesday, March 27, 1-4:30 p.m.

\$35 registration fee

Students must bring their own supplies and sign up prior to class by calling 906-226-8834.



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 email [arts-culture@marquettemi.gov](mailto:arts-culture@marquettemi.gov).

## Performing Arts

March and April Senior Acting classes will be held on the first and second Mondays of the month from 2-4 p.m. Please contact the Senior Center at 906-228-0456 for more information.

*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.*

## Little Art Lab

Every Tuesday in March 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.

## Yoga with Anna Grace

Every Tuesday in March:

Preschool Yoga (Ages 2-4): 10:15-11 a.m.

Every Wednesday in March :

Kids Yoga (Ages 5-8): 4:15-5 p.m.

Preteen Yoga (9-12): 5:15-6 p.m

\$10/class

Oftentimes yoga is thought of an exercise but it can be so much more than that. Anna Grace, a certified RYT with over a decade of experience working with children and adults, will be hosting a special series of yoga classes oriented toward youth. Anna uses the patience, compassion, and authenticity brought to her through her own continued practice of yoga to form a unique strengths-based teaching style and allow for creative classes that are tailored to the needs of each individual student.





# New City Water Meters

## What is AMI?

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission defines as a “metering system that records customer consumption hourly or more frequently and that provides for daily or more frequent transmittal of measurements over a communication network to a central collection point.”



## How does an AMI system work?

The water meter register in your basement is connected by a wire to a low-powered (1-Watt), two-way radio transmitter called an endpoint that is mounted on the outside wall of your house. Every hour, the endpoint collects the water meter register reading and stores that information in its internal memory

No personal customer data is ever stored on the endpoint, and the data itself is encrypted. Once every four hours, the endpoint transmits stored, encrypted hourly data from each water meter to a data collection device known as a router. In Marquette, there will be nine routers installed on utility poles across the city. From there, the router transmits the data via a cellular modem to a secure server that is hosted by the AMI system provider.

Authorized City of Marquette utility staff members can then access the data for billing purposes, to determine which meters and endpoints may require maintenance, and to provide the customer with greatly enhanced customer service.

## How secure is the AMI system data?

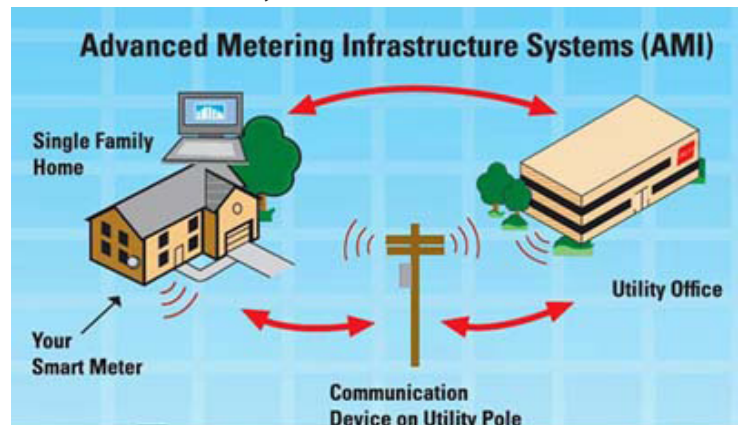
No personal data is ever stored on the endpoint at your residence or business. Each endpoint is assigned its own unique serial number, which is how the City of Marquette knows which endpoint is assigned to an account. The data is also encrypted and sent over a secure network. Only authorized City of Marquette utility staff can access the data from the hosted server.

## Will the City of Marquette be able to monitor my activities through the new AMI system?

The new AMI system for the water utility reads the water meter only once an hour. One cannot determine with any degree of accuracy when or if someone was home, what they were doing or which water consuming devices were in use during that period based upon having only one reading per hour.

## Are AMI systems safe?

Yes, AMI systems are safe and pose no danger to public health. Water endpoints that transmit at both the same frequency (902-928 MHz) and transmission power output (up to 1 Watt) like those being installed in Marquette have been in service for over 30 years, and AMI systems for water utilities have been in service since 1994. There are no known health effects associated with AMI systems.



The Michigan Public Service Commission in its U-17000 Report to the Commission from June 29, 2012, states that:

“After careful review of the available literature and studies, the staff has determined that the health risk from the installation and operation of metering systems using radio transmitters is insignificant. In addition, the appropriate federal health and safety regulations provide assurance that smart meters represent a safe technology.” (p. 2). (Source: <http://www.smartgridlegalnews.com/health-concerns/>)

## Questions?

Please call the City of Marquette Facilities Department at 906-228-0444 if you have any questions.

# 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 in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and 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.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- 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

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate 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 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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