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Rental Registration Reminder

As a reminder to all landlords, property managers and rental tenants, City Code requires that all rental properties within the City of Marquette be registered, inspected and certified. A valid certificate of compliance issued in the name of the current owner must be posted in the rental unit. Certificates are not transferrable. When ownership changes it is the new owner's responsibility to register the property within the required timeframe. Failure to comply may result in citation.

Information about rental registration and the rental registration application can be found on the City's website: www.marquettemi.gov/departments/fire/inspections/ or by contacting the Marquette City Fire Department Rental Program office by phone: 906-225-8596, by email: fire@marquettemi.gov or in person at 418 S. Third St.

Property owners and managers are responsible to maintain safe rental properties for their tenants. Should an issue arise, tenants are encouraged to contact their landlord and work with them to resolve the issue. Should a safety issue be present that is left unresolved, the Fire Marshal is available to conduct tenant complaint inspections. Fire Marshal Tom Dunleavy can be reached at 906-225-8941 or tdunleavy@marquettemi.gov.

A resource regarding tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, "Tenants and Landlords, A Practical Guide", can be found at www.legislature.mi.gov/Publications/tenantlandlord.pdf.

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) reflects on fall in Marquette and Lakeshore Boulevard. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



Hello everyone and welcome to fall and almost winter in Marquette. I say almost winter because, while most of us are still waiting for all the leaves to fall, many of us have had to shovel snow already. Also, welcome to all of our fall visitors in the form of NMU students. We here at the City are going to do our best to make sure that your NMU experience is a good one.

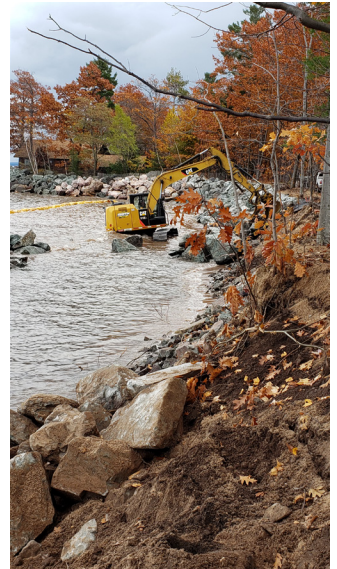


As most of you are probably aware, we've experienced another of our infamous fall storms that has eroded a significant part of our shoreline along Lake Superior north of Fair Avenue. For those that are not familiar with all of our street names, this length of roadway begins near Shiras Park (Picnic Rocks) and travels north for about a mile and a half. The most significant erosion occurred in the first half mile north to Wright Street. At one time there was a significant beach

along this stretch but, because of the erosion, the beach has been eliminated in many areas and the water's edge is virtually next to the roadway at many points. There are several different causes for this situation but I won't go into that here.

The good news is that the City Commission has taken action to stabilize the shoreline and protect the roadway that we all understand is important to this community. Some people may disagree on the importance of the roadway, but from experience I can assure you that the public sentiment is all about keeping that access open.

Overall, City Staff, along with the City Commission, is very aware of the importance of public access to our shoreline. We also understand that access comes in several forms that include, but are not limited to, walking and driving. We want everyone to enjoy the beauty of Lake Superior in the manner that benefits them. Now go out and enjoy the fall.



Outgoing City Commissioners

Commissioner Dave Campana and Mayor Pro Tem Sarah Reynolds have reached their term limits and will be leaving office in November. They were both elected to the City Commission in 2013 and reelected in 2016.

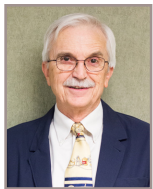
Commissioner Campana is a native of Crystal Falls, Michigan, and has been a resident of Marquette since 1981. Commissioner Campana served as the City Mayor from November 2015- November 2017 and again from January- November 2018 after the passing of Mayor Tom Baldini.

Mayor Pro Tem Reynolds moved to Marquette in 2003 to attend Northern Michigan University and served as a member of the Marquette Housing Commission prior to her election to the City Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Reynolds has served in her current role twice; once from November 2015- November 2016 and again from November 2018 until present.



Winter Tax Information

Winter Property Tax Statements will be mailed to City residents on Nov. 27. Tax collection begins Dec. 1 and payments are accepted without penalty through Feb. 14, 2020. Tax information can be accessed 24/7 on the City's website marquettemi.gov and is free to the property owner. Non-property owners are charged a \$2 lookup fee.



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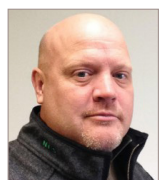
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City Commission Meetings

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:

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 25, 2019, 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 9, 2019, 6 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, 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.

Fill out an application online and check on the most up-to-date vacancy information at: www.marquettetemi.gov/boardapplication/

• Board of Review	Two Openings
• Board of Zoning Appeals	Three Openings
• Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	One Opening
• Harbor Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Investment Advisory Board	Two Openings
• Local Development Finance Authority	Two Openings
• Local Officers Compensation Commission	Two Openings
• Marquette County Transit Authority	One Opening
• Marquette Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board	One Opening
• Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee	One Opening
• Planning Commission	One Opening
• Police Fire Pension Board	One Opening

Holiday Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; the Municipal Service Center, 1100 Wright St.; and the Marquette Arts and Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library) will be closed Nov. 28-29, Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1 for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays. The Fire, Police, Public Works and Municipal 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. The next community office hours sessions are scheduled for Nov. 13 and Dec. 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.

Compost and Rubbish Site Schedule

The City of Marquette compost and household rubbish site at 1415 Pioneer Rd. is closing for the season. The last dates for rubbish drop-off are Nov. 4, 6 and 9. The last dates for compost drop off are Nov. 5, 9 and 12. These dates are weather permitting and are not guaranteed. The site will reopen in the spring depending on the weather.

A driver's license and current City water bill showing the payment of a solid waste fee for your property is required for admittance to the site. Residents in rental units using the green bags or carts who do not have a water bill in their name need to contact their landlord to file the rental registration form with the Public Works Department showing a list of tenants eligible to use the site. The form and up to date information on the compost and rubbish site can be found at www.marquettetemi.gov/garbage.

Off-Leash Area

The City of Marquette's off-leash dog park is now open for the season. Permits for the park can be purchased at the City Clerk's office, located in City Hall at 300 W. Baraga Ave. City residents can purchase a season-long permit for \$15, while the cost for non-residents is \$20. Permits will only be granted if the dog has a valid Marquette County Dog License; these licenses are also sold at the City Clerk's office, in addition to the County Clerk's office and several local vet clinics.

The off-leash park is located in Tourist Park and is open each year from Nov. 1 through the end of April.

Landfill Permits Available

Applications may be downloaded from the City's website 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 \$65.00 is for a one-year period from November to October. New haulers may be required to also provide a deposit of up to \$1,000 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.

Elections

In addition to the 2019 General Election on Nov. 5, the City Clerk's Office will be working to prepare for the 2020 Presidential Election cycle, which begins almost immediately. The coming year will bring at least three elections: the March 10 Presidential Primary, the Aug. 4 Primary Election and the Nov. 3 Presidential Election. While voter turnout is typically much higher during a Presidential Election cycle, recent changes to State law, spurred by the 2018 adoption of Proposal 3, may lead to an even higher-than-usual turnout.

In December, staff will mail applications for absentee ballots to those residents on the permanent absentee voter list (about 1,700). Voters that return these applications will receive ballots for the March Presidential Primary; those will be mailed out near the end of January. Applications for ensuing elections will be sent out a couple of months in advance of each. It's important to note that under State law, a voter must submit a signed application each time they would like an absentee ballot for an election.

For additional information, residents can contact the City Clerk's office at 228-0430 or by email at clerk@marquettemi.gov. A map of the City voting precincts is available on the back cover of this newsletter.

Adult Use Marijuana

On Oct. 15, the City Commission approved Ordinance 682 allowing for adult use marijuana establishments within the city limits. The City Commission and City staff developed this ordinance over the course of the past year after Michigan voters chose to legalize recreational marijuana with a statewide ballot initiative in November 2018. The Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MRMTA) was put into effect during December following the passage of the ballot initiative; however, licensing of recreational establishments was delayed a year to give the State sufficient time to develop and implement a regulatory framework.

The Commission chose to opt out of the recreational law this past February due to a lack of clarity from the State government on the direction and manner of licensing and regulation of marijuana establishments. During this time, the Commission held a public forum to hear resident views on the new law and potential establishments within the City boundaries. In July, the newly established Marihuana Regulatory Agency (MRA) released emergency rules for the recreational market in order to start accepting applications for licenses this month (November).

After the adoption of the emergency rules by the MRA, City staff drafted an ordinance to regulate establishments within the City limits. A City Commission work session was held on Sept. 4 to discuss how many of each of the 11 license types would be allowed in the draft ordinance. On Sept. 9, the Commission voted to establish no limits to the number of licenses. The draft ordinance was then able to move onto a public hearing on Oct. 15.

After the public hearing, the City Commission discussed the inclusion of buffer zones around identified areas of concern. The ordinance was amended to remove daycare facilities, City parks and other marijuana establishments from the buffer list but retained 500 ft. buffers around schools, religious institutions and state licensed substance abuse disorder programs, as well as areas zoned exclusively for residential use, and was passed with a 4-3 vote.

The effective date of this ordinance is March 1 and there will be an extensive planning process leading up to this date to accommodate marijuana establishments in the Land Development Code (LDC). The LDC changes will be discussed in Planning Commission work sessions on Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and Dec. 17 with a Planning Commission public hearing planned for Jan. 7. The Commission will review the Planning Commission's changes at a public hearing on Feb. 24. Please note, these dates are subject to change and up-to-date information, along with the full text of Ordinance 682, a timeline of the public process to date and a draft zoning map with buffers, is available at www.marquettemi.gov/marijuana.

2019 Construction Season, End of Season Update

The 2019 Construction Season is nearing completion. Most projects are completed except for minor punch list work. The 2019 construction season also included completing projects from 2018. Below are some of the projects that were designed and/or administered by the Engineering Division and their current status.

2018 Street Improvements and Maintenance Project (SIMP): This project was awarded to Oberstar, Inc. and construction started on July 23, 2018. The underground portion of this project was completed in 2018 and the milling and paving portion of the project was completed in the spring of 2019. The delay was the result of a labor dispute between the Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association and the Operating Engineers Local 324 union.

2019 Street Improvements and Maintenance Project (SIMP): This project was awarded to Oberstar, Inc. and construction started on June 6. All work is complete.

Sidewalk Repair, Replacement and Extension: This project was awarded to Arrow Construction. Construction started on July 1 and all work is complete.

Third Street Reconstruction (Fisher to Baraga), Front Street Reconstruction (Arch to Michigan), Front Street Reconstruction (Ohio to Hewitt), Altamont Street Reconstruction (Blemhuber to McMillan): This group of street reconstruction projects was awarded to Oberstar, Inc. Construction started on April 15 and all work is complete.

Third Street, before and after construction



Altamont Street, before and after construction



Kaye Avenue Reconstruction (Presque Isle to Third), Front Street Reconstruction (Park to Magnetic), Park Street Reconstruction (Lee to Fourth): This group of street reconstruction projects was awarded to Smith Construction. Construction started on July 2 and the projects are substantially complete. The contractor is currently addressing punch list items.

Lighthouse Park Project: This project was awarded to Oberstar Inc and construction started on May 13. All work is complete.

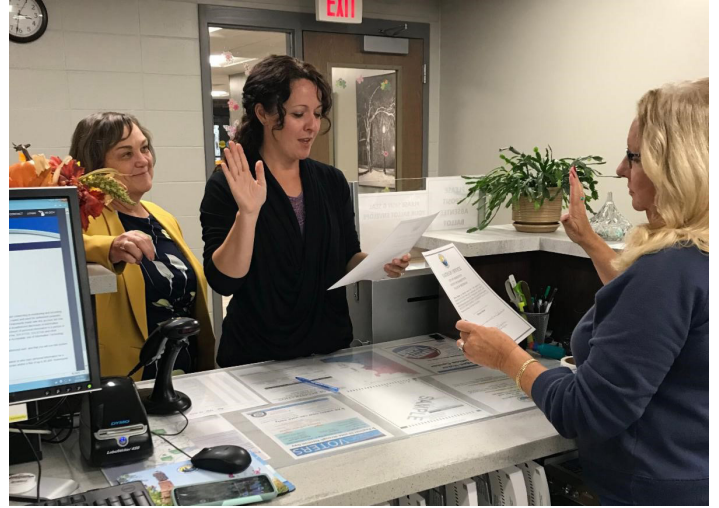
200 Block of West Kaye Avenue Water Main Construction: This was an unanticipated project that was required due to a failing one inch galvanized water line that serviced three homes. This line was replaced by an eight-inch water main. The project was awarded to Oberstar, Inc. and construction is complete.

Hawley Street Ditch Relocation Project: The portion of this project within the City right-of-way is currently starting. Bacco Construction is the prime contractor. Work is expected to be completed in the fall of 2019.

Sewer Cleaning and Televising: A request for proposals (RFP) was issued for this project. U.P. Rubber Company was selected for the work. This year's portion of the project is almost complete.

New MDDA Executive Director

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) is pleased to announce their new Executive Director, Rebecca Salmon, who began her new position on Monday, Sept. 30, after the retirement of long-standing Executive Director, Mona Lang. Salmon has been with the MDDA for 10 years, serving most recently as Assistant Director, and feels her tenure with the organization has prepared her well for assuming the leadership role. "Over the past decade, I've seen the growth of the organization and the downtown and am proud to have been a part of its transformation. I look to continue our forward progress in the revitalization of downtown, along with the MDDA Board and staff, the City of Marquette, downtown business and property owners and valued partners," said Salmon. Salmon can be reached by email at becky@downtownmarquette.org or by phone at 906-228-9475.



New MDDA Executive Director, Rebecca Salmon, takes her Oath of Office at the City of Marquette Clerk's Office. Pictured, from left to right, is Mona Lang, former MDDA Executive Director; Rebecca Salmon, MDDA Executive Director; and Kris Hazeres, Marquette City Clerk.

MDDA Downtown Plan

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) has received a \$30,000 technical assistance grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) which will be used to create a comprehensive Downtown Plan. Once completed, the plan will serve as a guiding document moving forward, identifying strategic recommendations for downtown improvements as well as actionable steps for implementation.

"We will be working on the plan with a consultant firm, SmithGroup, along with other key contributors, to evaluate several proposed initiatives," said Salmon. For example, the MDDA has conducted a number of studies in recent years, including the Third Street Corridor Sustainability Plan and the Baraga Avenue Place Plan. One of SmithGroup's objectives is to compile these studies to create a cohesive vision for Downtown Marquette. The Downtown Plan will also focus on updating the 2013 Parking Study, which includes analyzing current parking management practices and conducting a feasibility analysis of building a new parking structure downtown to address the downtown's changing parking environment and better serve its various user groups. Other initiatives include identifying potential redevelopment sites throughout downtown and assessing the best approach for funding services and improvements in the Third Street corridor.

Work on the plan will start over the winter, with an anticipated completion by June 2020. "We anticipate engaging stakeholders in input sessions and presenting our final plan to the public upon completion," Salmon said. "This plan will help to address some of the challenges we currently face and provide a clear vision for the future of Downtown Marquette." For more information on the Downtown Plan, contact Rebecca Salmon at becky@downtownmarquette.org or 906-228-9475.

Complimentary Holiday Parking

In celebration of the holiday season, enforcement of the metered parking and two-hour customer parking areas will be suspended throughout the downtown district Monday through Friday after 3 p.m. beginning Thursday, Nov. 14 and ending Wednesday, Jan. 1. Visitors to downtown may park without restriction after 3 p.m. in any of the public parking spaces within the district except those reserved for handicapped, 24-hour reserved or loading zones. This includes North Third Street, the lower and upper level of the Bluff Street Parking Ramp, Commons lot, Main Street lots, Lakeshore Boulevard lot, Rock Street lot, East Baraga Avenue lot and the Spring Street lot. The courtesy parking is offered compliments of the Marquette City Police Department and the Marquette Downtown Development Authority.



Downtown Façades Transformed

Several downtown properties have been transformed in recent months, thanks to a collaboration between the property owners, the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The projects are part of a Downtown Façade Improvement Grant Program administered by the MDDA and generously supported through a \$300,000 grant from the MEDC as part of their Façade Restoration Initiative pilot program. Along with \$30,000 contributed by the MDDA, the \$330,000 in façade grant funding has inspired \$865,000 in downtown property investments. "The results have been dramatic and exciting to witness," said MDDA Executive Director, Rebecca Salmon. "We've seen new life breathed into tired facades, innovative designs brought to fruition and historical elements masterfully restored. This program is a testament to what can be accomplished through public-private partnerships for the betterment of Downtown Marquette."

The series of projects are in various stages of construction, with some underway and others having been completed. To date, the following properties have completed their façade improvements: Great Northern Title & Abstract, Third Base Bar, Third Street Bagel and Veridea Group. Several others, including Be kind, LLC, Breakers Roadhouse, The Preserve, Superior Hearing Aid Center and Symbios, LLC, are currently in progress. "We look forward to seeing the completed projects in coming weeks," said Salmon.



Third Street Bagel



Third Base Bar

Magic of the Seasons

Celebrate the magic of the holiday season at the 9th annual Downtown Marquette 'Winter Snow Fun' Holiday Parade, scheduled for Friday, Dec. 6 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 ends 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 44th 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, Dec. 2, or visit downtownmarquette.org.

Farmers Market 20th Season



2019 marks the 20th anniversary year of the Saturday Market at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market, which continues through Dec. 14 at the Marquette Commons from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Enjoy shopping and socializing in beautiful Downtown Marquette, your holiday preparation destination. November and December are decorating and gift-giving months. Whether you are hosting or headed out of town this holiday season, be sure to shop at the Farmers Market for everything you need

including food, gifts and decorations. More than 30 different independently owned, local small businesses will be at the market during the late fall market season. Shop each week to see different vendors and be sure to stock up on storage foods to get you through the winter. The central Upper Peninsula is fortunate to have so many dedicated farmers growing quality food for local, direct-to-customer consumption. Shopping at the market gives you the privilege of speaking directly with the growers and creators of products while you purchase the freshest, locally grown, small farm produced food and unique, handmade artisan goods.



The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks and Hoophouses for Health. Visit the market website at www.mqtfarmersmarket.com and facebook page at www.facebook.com/downtownmqtfarmersmarket/ for the latest information and vendor schedules.

See you at the market, the place to be Saturday mornings.

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 these articles, please call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@marquettemi.gov.



Catherine Benda: Flourish

Nov. 1-30, The Deo Gallery

November's Deo Gallery exhibit features the work of Marquette-based painter Catherine Benda. This exhibit will invite visitors to internalize the phrase, "What do I need to flourish?" The display explores the idea of thriving instead of just surviving. The pieces selected for this show are nature-inspired and represent bounty. Catherine's work explores the "outside voice" of nature by using loud colors, patterns and textures.

An artist reception will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 6-8 p.m. It is free and open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

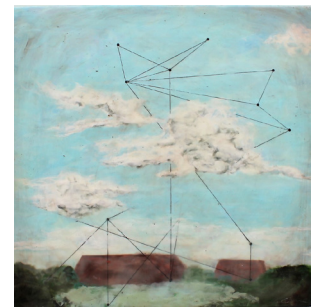


April South-Olson

Dec. 2-30, The Deo Gallery

December's Deo Gallery exhibition features the encaustics and mixed media work of Marquette artist April South-Olson.

An artist reception will be held at the City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6-8 p.m. It is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.



Leisure Through the Ages

5th Annual NMU Outdoor Recreation Student Pop-Up Exhibition

Dec. 5-13, MACC Studio #1

This show features work created by NMU Outdoor Recreation Leadership and Management students, a compilation of projects created during Leisure Through the Ages, a required course exploring literature, art, music and dance in relation to nature, leisure and outdoor recreation. Individual projects include poetry, multimedia, 2D and 3D work expressing each student's connection, experience and perspective.

An artist reception will be held at the City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center on Thursday, December 5 from 6-8 p.m. in conjunction with the Deo Gallery artist reception. It is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

Holiday Art Sale

The Marquette Regional History Center, in cooperation with the City of Marquette Arts & Culture Center, is excited to announce the 2019 Holiday Art Sale, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The sale will take place at the Marquette Regional History Center, located at 145 W. Spring St. in Marquette, Michigan. The History Center is a destination, providing holiday shoppers with access to world-class exhibits. The Museum will hold an old-fashioned bake sale, their annual Dollhouse Days and the History Center gift shop will be open for the event.

There will be a \$2 admission fee, which includes entrance to the Holiday Art Sale, MRHC Exhibits and all other activities. All proceeds support the MRHC, a private, non-profit 501c3 and community gem.

The following artists will be exhibiting in the 2019 Holiday Art Sale juried event:

Judy Parlato, Judy Sarosik, Kay Johnson, Diana Magnuson, Kristi Mills, Linda Ludwig, Jennifer Lasslett, Ann Golden, Mary Ann Theis, Karen Jilbert, Candace Prill, Danita Rask, Julie Highlen, JoAnn Shelby, Synthia Marsh, James Giddings, Emerson Graves, Jenny Frein Hamel, Terri Merrick, Steve Lindberg, Kenyon Hansen, Lindsey Heiden, David Payant, Susan Estler and wreaths and table pieces from Rock River Farms.

For more information or questions, please contact the Marquette Regional History Center at 906-226-3571 or jbays@marquettehistory.org or the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center at 906-228-0472 or arts-culture@marquettemi.gov.

Creative Community Series



Ongoing Series

MACC Open Studio

Every Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.

MACC Studio Space

Free to join – BYO supplies and projects

This group is open to all and every type of artist to join, work on individual projects, share in collective passion for the arts, foster friendship and learn from and with each other.

Superiorland Woodturners Monthly Meeting and Demonstration

Nov. 12 and Dec. 10, 7- 9 p.m.

MACC Studio #1

The Superiorland Woodturners local chapter of the American Association of Woodturners holds monthly meetings at the MACC on the second Tuesday of each month. Each month also features a woodturning demonstration. This event is open to the public.

Twisted Stitchers Quilting Club

Nov. 16 and Dec. 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MACC Studio #1

The Twisted Stitchers Quilting Club meets on the third Saturday of each month. This event is open to the public.

Yarnwinders Fiber Guild

Nov. 14 and Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

MACC Studio #2

The Yarnwinders Fiber Guild meets on the second Thursday of each month. This event is open to the public.

UP North Knitting Guild

Nov. 21 and Dec. 19, 5-7:30 p.m.

MACC Studio #2

The UP North Knitting Guild meets on the third Thursday of each month. Activities include knitting chemo caps, stash sales, Knit in Public events, fiber road trips, classes and more. Yearly dues are \$10. This event is open to the public.

Special Events and Workshops

Oil Painting, Drawing and Pastels with Marlene Wood

Every Thursday, 1-3 p.m.

MACC Studio #1

To register, email luoma@marquettemi.gov, call 906-225-8655 or register at the event.

Marlene Wood has been teaching art to children and adults for over thirty years. Her passion is to teach in a way that elicits personal self-discovery, emotion and the unleashing of creative juices. Marlene's philosophy is that if one can learn to see correctly, all else in art is both teachable and obtainable. Marlene brings with her a diverse education and a positive

and supportive approach to teaching.

Her classes will be offered every week and students are welcome to begin at any time. There will be an emphasis on drawing, seeing correctly, use of medium, value, composition, color and techniques, helping you to strengthen your ability to draw and paint what you see or want to see and become a more dynamic artist. The class is geared toward the individual, allowing artists to begin at their own level and both individual and group instruction and attention will be provided.

\$20 per class session or \$70 for a punch card, good for four classes. Materials are not included, but if you'd like to give oils a try, you may use the teacher's materials for \$5/class.

Transition Marquette County Repair Café

Saturday, Nov. 16, 12-4 p.m.

MACC Studio #2

Open to the public, no registration is required.

The public is invited to bring small and medium sized items in need of repair or adjustment, such as toasters, sewing machines, clothing, lamps, electronics and other household items. "Repair talent" with their tools will be available to help fix and demonstrate how the different items work. No charge, though a \$5 donation to help with expenses is encouraged.

Senior Center Thanksgiving Feast

You are cordially invited to the Marquette Senior Center's first Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Please come for a feast of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, gravy, dinner rolls, cranberries and juice/coffee. Follow that up with a delicious dessert. Reservations are required and are limited, so call 906-228-0456 to sign up today!

Thank you to Econo Foods for donating food and time for the feast.



NCLL Artist Talk: Earl Senchuk – Creation of the Phil Niemisto Statue (pictured left)

Thursday, Dec. 5, 1-3 p.m.

MACC Studio #2

To register, call 906-225-1004 or email hoosieryooper80@gmail.com.

Everyone is familiar with Phil Niemisto, the friendly, kind gentleman who washed windows in downtown Marquette for years. The statue of Phil in the Pocket Park is an intriguing story. Earl will take us through the creation of the statue and Phil's involvement in it. He might even tell us about his latest invention! This artist talk is presented by the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning. The cost is \$3 for NCLL members and \$6 for non-members.



Silver Sampler

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, 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.

Dates, locations and times are subject to change due to conditions and weather. We reserve the right to limit the number of participants for activities. Please note our main mode of communication is via our Marquette Senior Center webpage, newsletters and Silver Sampler Facebook page. Events that you have signed up for will be followed up with a personal email directly to the participant. Pre-registration is required for all events.

Please register by calling 906-228-0456. Some events have a limited number of participants. If you find it necessary to cancel, please be aware that you might be taking a spot for someone who would like to participate, therefore, we are requiring a two-day notice for cancellations.

November Events:

Thunder Valley Equestrian Trail Hike, Wednesday, Nov. 6, 12 p.m.

Explore new sections of the DNR trail at the Thunder Valley Equestrian trail in Sands Township. This is a moderate hike due to the distance and is weather dependent.

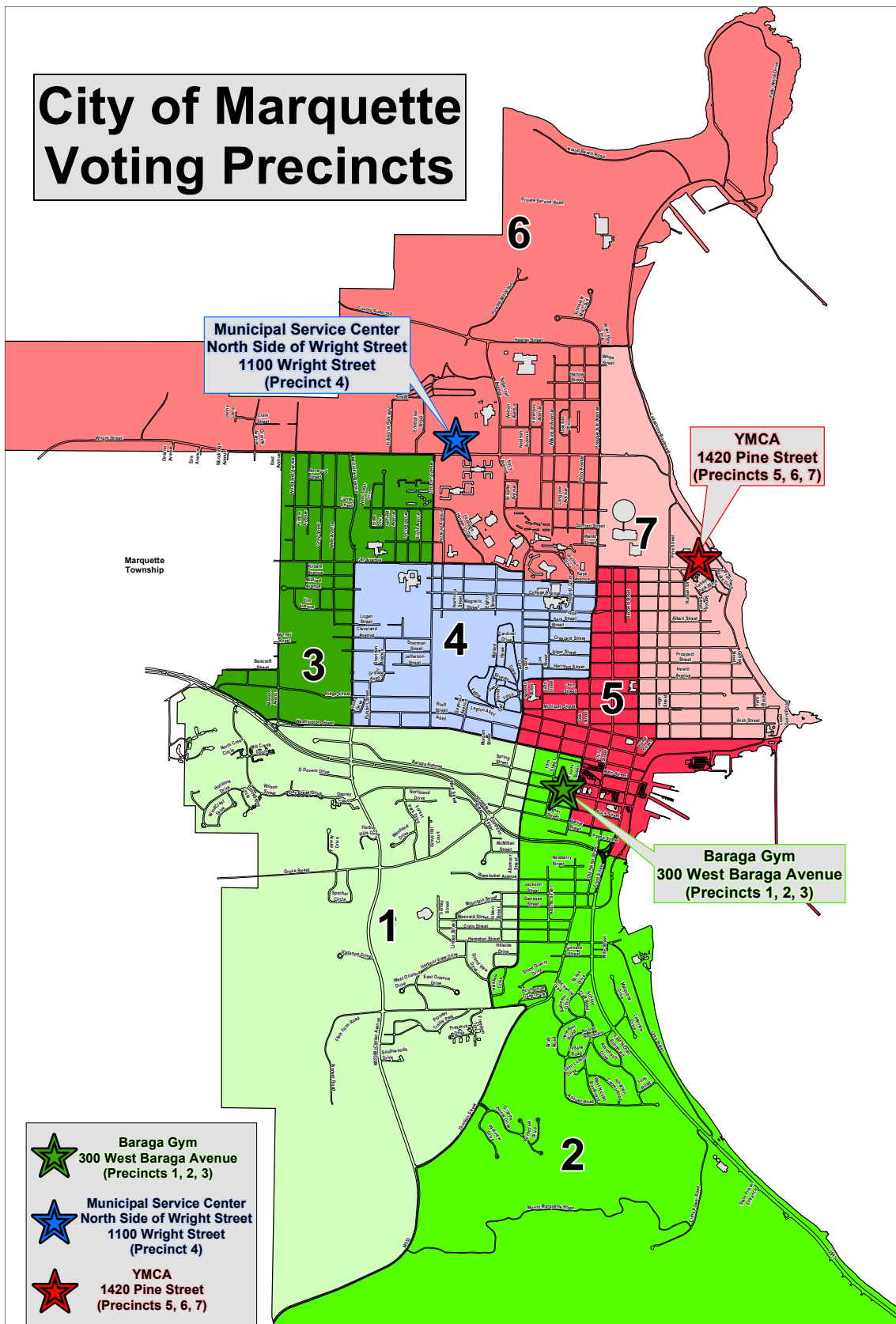
Introduction to Pickleball, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2-4 p.m.

This will be an opportunity to learn the basics of pickleball or improve your existing skills with expert instruction from our pickleball mentors. Please sign up at the Senior Center. This event will be held in the Baraga Gym at City Hall.



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