Rental Registration Reminder

City Code Chapter 26, Article III (Rental Fire Safety Code) requires all rental dwelling units to be registered, inspected and certified with the City of Marquette. Any structure or dwelling unit that is occupied by persons other than the property owner, pursuant to any oral or written rental or lease agreement or other valuable compensation, is considered a rental dwelling unit. Rental properties are required to meet City Code requirements for fire safety, as well as Zoning Ordinance requirements. Failure to comply may result in civil infraction citation and eviction of tenants. Registration and compliance certificates are not transferrable.

New long-term rentals (30 days or more) must be registered prior to any occupancy.

Currently rented long-term rentals that change ownership, must be registered by the new owner within 30 days of purchase.

Short-term rentals (less than 30 days) must be registered, approved, inspected and certified prior to advertising or use as a short-term rental (subject to availability and eligibility).

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 Fire Department by phone: 906-225-8596, by email: fire@marquettemi.gov or in person at 418 S. Third St.
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 winter in Marquette, the holiday season and Lakeshore Boulevard. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.

I’m hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and is well on their way to a happy New Year. I’m writing this before the Christmas holiday, so I’m going to go out on a limb by saying that the annual New Year’s Eve ball drop downtown went off without a hitch. The ball drop, which was started by local business people, has been an enthusiastic New Year’s Eve event for more than two decades now. At one time it was located on the Savings Bank building at Front and Washington Streets but has since been relocated to the middle of the 100 block of Washington Street. Always well attended, even in warmer weather, it has proven to be a fun time for all.

The last time I wrote for this article I related a significant storm-related erosion problem near Shiras Park (Picnic Rocks) and the steps that we were taking to help stabilize the affected shoreline (pictured on the front and back covers). Well, since that time, we’ve had another storm with some additional erosion. However, I’m happy to say that the previous work that we did actually worked as designed and prevented a lot more damage from occurring. We did, however, have to add a little more stabilization in the area to help support the previous work. Our current intent with this armoring is to stabilize the shoreline to prevent the loss of City infrastructure and give us time to come up with an acceptable long-term plan.

Speaking of the weather, we have received more snow than usual for this time of year, which is good for all our outdoor winter activities. However, it also puts some of our snow plowing and removal efforts into action that, on a normal year, might not happen until January or February. As I write this, the weather is a little warmer and the snow seems to be settling, so it might be a little too early to panic. Rest assured that we stand ready to do what is necessary to ensure that everyone has a safe driving experience and enjoys our community as much as possible. So go out, have fun and enjoy it all.

2019-20 City Commission

2019-2020 Marquette City Commission
Back: Fred Stonehouse, Peter Frazier, Paul Schloegel, Evan Bonsall
Front: Andrew Lorinser, Mayor Jenna Smith, Mayor Pro Tempore Jenn Hill
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.marquettemi.gov/boardapplication/

- Board of Review
  Two Openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals
  Two Openings
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority
  Two Openings
- 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
- Public Art Commission
  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 Monday, Feb. 17 for President’s Day. 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 Jan. 8 and Feb. 12.

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.

Upcoming Waterfront Lifeguard Training
The City of Marquette will be seeking to hire up to 30 lifeguards for the summer beach season. Waterfront lifeguard courses will be offered by the Marquette City Fire Department this spring. The courses will be free to participants who are hired for a lifeguard position with the City and complete the summer season in good standing. Course dates/times will be announced later in the season.

More details will follow as they become available on the Waterfront Safety page of the City website (marquettemi.gov/departments/fire/waterfront-safety/).

Interested parties can also contact the Marquette City Fire Department Administrative Assistant at 906-225-8596 or tlocknane@marquettemi.gov to request information.
New City Commissioners

**Evan Bonsall**
Evan grew up in Marquette in a working-class family and attended Marquette public schools. He was originally inspired to pursue public service by his parents; his father was a deputy sheriff and his mother worked as a secretary for the Marquette Police Department and served as a police union vice president, PTA president and church preschool president.

After graduating from Marquette Senior High School in 2015, Evan attended Harvard University on a need-based scholarship, where he earned a B.A. in Government. Before being elected to the City Commission, he served for a total of four years on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Brownfield Authority, and the Sustainable Community Committee. Elected at the age of 23, he is possibly the youngest person to serve as a Marquette City Commissioner. He currently works for Marquette County as an Assistant to the County Administrator and is a Lead For America Fellow.

**Andrew Lorinser**
Andrew graduated from Marquette Senior High School in 2003, and attended Northern Michigan University.

Andrew owned and operated a small media production company in downtown Marquette from 2005–2012. He then began a career as a publisher for a local magazine in Appleton, Wisconsin. There, he created the digital app ‘Marquette Mobile’ and upon his return to the Marquette area, worked to promote economic development and provide digital access to aggregated local news.

Andrew began a position as a digital news editor for ABC 10/CW-5 in Ishpeming until 2016. While working as the public relations director at Beacon House in Marquette, he met his now-fiancé, Macie.

Andrew is currently enrolled at Northern Michigan University pursuing a degree in Public Relations. He is the Student Promotions Coordinator at NMU’s Center for Native American Studies. He also serves on the executive board of his affiliated local political party and has been chair of its Outreach Committee.

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Adult Use Marijuana Update

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.

During the course of a series of work sessions held during November and December, the Planning Commission has been reviewing and discussing the implementation of adult use marijuana licenses into the City Land Development Code. The Planning Commission will make an official recommendation to the City Commission following their public hearing on Jan. 7 and the City Commission will deliberate and vote on these changes at their Feb. 10 meeting.

The chart on the right shows the different special land uses and the proposed zoning districts for each one (the “X” indicates a permitted district). Please note that this is an ongoing process and should not be considered final until all reviews are completed.

The Commission will review the Planning Commission’s changes at a public hearing on Feb. 24. Up-to-date information, along with the full text of Ordinance 682, a timeline of the public process to date and draft changes to the Land Development code, is available at [www.marquettemi.gov/marijuana](http://www.marquettemi.gov/marijuana).
2020 Construction Season

Various street and utility reconstruction projects are being designed by City Engineering staff and are being initiated for this upcoming construction season. These projects meet the intent of the City’s Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan to manage the City’s infrastructure assets. Please direct questions on these projects to the Engineering Division at 906-228-0440.

The following are the projects planned for the 2020 reconstruction season:

Lakeshore Boulevard Relocation Project Phase 1 (Pine Street to Hawley Street) (pictured right): This project has been planned and has proceeded through the public review and vetting process since 2013. The lake’s shoreline and part of the roadway has over the years been lost or badly damaged due to shoreline erosion caused by the elevated water levels in Lake Superior. This project will relocate the roadway from its most westerly point approximately 300 feet and raise the road approximate 4-6 feet at its highest elevation. In addition, a roundabout will be constructed at the intersection of Wright and Lakeshore and water and sanitary sewer utilities will be constructed along the new roadway. A storm water detention basin is planned to provide water treatment and additional storm water control. The City has received grant funding for this project and is currently seeking additional funding opportunities as they are available. We are anticipating construction starting in early May.

Lakeview Drive (Marquette Drive to south end cul-de-sac): An upgrade project that includes the placement of the storm water utilities, replacement of water main/services and sanitary sewer manholes/services. The existing sanitary sewer main had been slip lined in the past and will not require replacement. The current asphalt street, which currently has no curb, will be replaced with new asphalt, subbase, aggregate base and curbing. The new street will follow the same cross section as used in the Shiras Hills area for width and curbing type. We are anticipating construction to begin in late May.

Marquette Drive (US 41 to the north end cul-de-sac): An upgrade project that includes the placement of the storm water utilities, replacement of water main/services and sanitary sewer manholes/services. The existing sanitary sewer main had been slip lined in the past and will not require replacement. The current asphalt street, which currently has no curb, will be replaced with new asphalt, subbase, aggregate base and curbing. The new street will follow the same cross section as used in the Shiras Hills area for width and curbing type. We are anticipating construction to begin in late May.

Union Street (Wilkinson Avenue to Presque Isle Avenue): An upgrade project that includes the replacement of water main/services, sanitary sewer manholes/services and storm water structures. Additional storm water piping and structures will be added where required to provide for storm water control. The existing sanitary and storm sewer mains are candidates for a future slip lining project. The street surface, base, subbase and curbing will be removed and replaced between Wilkinson and Longyear due to the poor condition of the curbing. The curbing between Longyear and Presque Isle will stay mostly in place, except for those areas found in poor condition and where the entire street structure is being replaced. Sidewalk will be replaced as required between Wilkinson and Longyear Avenues and a new sidewalk will be placed on the south side in the right of way between Longyear and Presque Isle Avenues. We are anticipating construction to begin in late May.
2020 Construction Season (continued)

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 eight seasons, we will be going green with the use of recycled asphalt shingles in the paving mixtures. Street sections that are planned for treatment include Arch Street, Baraga Avenue, Coles Drive, Gray Street, Hampton Street, Heikkala Drive, Lincoln Avenue, Main Street, Magnetic Street, Norway Avenue, Norwood Avenue and Seventh Street. We are anticipating construction starting in July or August.

Sanitary Sewer Lateral Replacement Program: This is an annual project where streets that receive heavy maintenance activities also receive sanitary sewer laterals replacements where necessary. Laterals replaced are those that are found to be in poor condition or consist of orangeburg material.

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 a half 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.

Curbing Repair and Replacement Project: This will be an annual project where portions of curbing which have been inspected and found in poor condition by Engineering and Public Works Departments will be removed and replaced. The amount of curbing replaced is based on the amount of funds available. This project will likely be paired with the sidewalk replacement project since both projects are concrete related. We are anticipating construction starting in July.

Sanitary and Storm Cleaning and Televising Project: This project will televise and clean sanitary and storm sewer mains throughout the City. This will continue our annual process for those mains not televised and cleaned in the last 30 years. 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.

Mattson Lower Harbor Park Parking Lot (North Half): This project will consist of milling and overlaying the north half of the parking lot. Any areas that need additional work due to low areas in the pavement will be repaired at this time. Any curbing found in poor condition will be replaced at this time. This project will be bid with the SIMP project to utilize similar heavy maintenance procedures.

Annual Report Available

The fiscal year 2019 Annual Report for the City of Marquette is now available for viewing. This report is prepared every year and is distributed through the City website. The 2019 report, as well as reports from previous years, can be viewed at marquettemi.gov/annualreport/.

Land Development Code Web Portal

A new online interactive portal for the Land Development Code (LDC) is now available at marquettemi.gov/ldc/. This portal is intended to make searching and referencing the LDC easier for property and business owners in the City.

The entire code is fully searchable and is cross referenced throughout utilizing hyperlinks. The portal also contains interactive maps, tables and menus to provide the best experience possible and make navigation through the code a more manageable experience.
Farmers Market 20th Season

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market celebrated its 20th anniversary during the 2019 season, and what a fabulous season it was. Thank you to the Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) for sponsoring the market. Thank you as well to the shoppers, vendors and community partners for your support and participation. A special thank you to the Saturday weather for its cooperation too, this was the very rare season that it was dry for each Saturday Market morning!

The Saturday Market season opened May 25 and ran through Oct. 26, offering products from 57 seasonal vendors and 37 rotating daily vendors. The vendor offerings included fresh produce, eggs, meats, prepared foods and artisan goods. The Late Fall Market consisted of 34 different vendors throughout the fall and was open through Dec. 14. New during the 2019 season was the addition of a Wednesday evening market, held June 12 through Sept. 25 from 5-7 p.m. The MDDA was very pleased to be able to pilot a mid-week market. Look for continued growth in 2020.

UP North Roast generously sponsored live music during the Saturday Market. Throughout the 2019 summer season, the market also partnered with various organizations to provide food tasting and educational programming. The national Power of Produce program continued for its second season at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market. Partridge Creek Farm provided volunteer staff to operate the program on a weekly basis through the end of October. Additional funding was provided by Partridge Creek Farm, the ACHIEVE Coalition of Marquette County and Taste the Local Difference Local Food Event. Over 750 children participated throughout the season.

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market participates in five food assistance programs (SNAP, Double Up Food Bucks, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Market FRESH and Hoophouses For Health). Over $45,000 was distributed in food access benefits during the 2019 season.

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market has been listed as one of the “9 Best Farmers Markets in Michigan” by bestthingsmi.com and recognized by onlyinyourstate.com as one of the “10 Incredible Farmers Markets in Michigan That Are A Must Visit.” Planning for the 2020 Market season is currently underway. The Market Manager for the past seven seasons, Myra Zyburt, will be leaving the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market in January. Under Myra’s watch, the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market has grown by leaps and bounds into the outstanding market we now have. A search is underway for the next Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Manager, and details about the position can be found at downtownmarquette.org.

Thanks again for an amazing market season. Warmest winter wishes to you all, and we’ll see you in the spring.

UP200 and Midnight Run

The 28th running of the UP200 dog sled race will begin on Friday, Feb. 14 with the opening ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Fourth and West Washington Streets in beautiful Downtown Marquette. The first UP200 team leaves the chute at 7 p.m. amid the excited cheers of spectators lining the streets. The excitement continues as the Midnight Run takes off with their eight-dog team starting gate at approximately 8:30 p.m. A variety of downtown businesses and organizations will be hosting race viewing parties and are a great place for spectators to warm up between races. Be sure to follow the mushers’ progress on the UP200 website, www.up200.org, and then return to cheer your favorites across the finish line. Both races finish in Marquette’s Mattson Lower Harbor Park. The first Midnight Run racer is expected to finish in the morning on Saturday, Feb. 15. The UP200 mushers are expected to begin crossing the finish line mid-afternoon on Sunday, Feb. 16.

The UP200 is an Iditarod qualifier and one of the top 12-dog mid-distance races in the Midwest. The trail covers nearly 240 miles of challenging terrain through forested land, hills, creek crossings and deep snow as the mushers face isolated trails on their trek from Marquette to Grand Marias and back again.

The Holiday Inn of Marquette, located at 1951 US-41 in Marquette, will serve as race headquarters this year, hosting the pre-race banquet, the silent auction and merchandise for sale. Merchandise is also available for sale at www.up200.org.
Lake Superior Art Association Members’ Show  
Jan. 3-31, The Deo Gallery  
This juried exhibition is a celebration of the creative talents found in the Lake Superior Art Association’s membership and will feature pieces from a variety of media.

An artist reception will be held in conjunction with the 2020 City of Marquette Art Awards held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 6-7:30 p.m. Immediately following the reception, guests are invited to attend the Annual Art Awards ceremony beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library Community Room. This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.

Russell Prather  
Feb. 3-28, The Deo Gallery  
February’s Deo Gallery exhibition features the sculpture work of Marquette artist Russell Prather. Prather is an actively exhibiting visual artist, whose work is very much informed by his study of literature. His past exhibitions include Suspended! at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Accreted Terrane at the Museum of Northwest Art in Washington State and Technologic at the Chicago Art Department Gallery, in addition to shows at the Grand Rapids Museum of Art, the Duluth Art Institute, Finlandia University and other art venues in Texas, Missouri, Illinois and Berlin, Germany.
Seventh Annual 100DayProject

The MACC invites the public to take part in the Seventh Annual 100DayProject, organized by local artists.

The 100DayProject is a creativity excavation. It’s about unearthing dormant or unrealized creativity by committing to a daily practice every day for 100 days. Participating in the 100DayProject will awaken, nurture and sustain your creative spirit though the cultivation of small daily acts for 100 days! Maybe you’ll decide to do your 100DayProject first thing in the morning, or maybe later on in the day. Creating a routine or rhythm might feel clunky at first - like any new habit it may take some getting used to. Best advice is to try and do it the same time each day. Choose something that kick-starts your right brain and allows you some freedom to play and explore.

The 2020 theme is Secret Places. The theme highlights creativity as a life-giving force that supports thriving in ourselves and others. It can be interpreted in a number of different ways: symbolically, metaphorically or literally. We offer a theme to participants as an inspirational nudge - if they are looking for one. It is purely optional.

Creativity is a skill. The more we practice, the more skilled we become. Practice takes time and commitment. It’s a radical act in this speeded up world. Through practice, we develop a creative habit. Through habit, we reconnect with ourselves as a creative being.

The100DayProject launch date is Jan. 22 and ends 100 days later on April 30.

To participate, simply register your project idea at www.The100DayProject.com. It’s free and easy to do. Registering makes your project eligible to be part of the 2020 Virtual Exhibit and you’ll be on our notification list to receive other special invitations regarding your project. By registering, you’ll also receive our weekly inspiration and support newsletters. Deadline for registering your project is Sunday, Jan. 19 at midnight.

23rd Annual Art Awards

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites the community to attend the 23rd Annual Art Awards, honoring outstanding individuals in our community. The awards will be held at the MACC in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library located at 217 N. Front St. on Saturday, Jan. 25.

At 6 p.m., the public is invited to a celebratory reception before the Art Awards in conjunction with Lake Superior Art Association’s Annual Member Show. Refreshments will be provided by volunteers and community partners. At 7:30 p.m., the Annual Art Awards will begin in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library. There will be performances by select award recipients and a ceremony to honor their achievements. This event is free and open to the public.

2020 Award Recipients:
- Arts Advocate- Marquette Maker’s Project
- Arts Educator- Jake Fether
- Arts Volunteer- JoAnn Shelby
- Business- Madgoodies Studio
- Community Arts Organization- Marquette City Band
- Performing Artist- Kerry Yost
- Special Recognition- Judy Parlato
- Visual Artist- Cindy Wedig
- Writer- Milton Bates
- Youth Award- Layla Vickers

Second Annual Winter Roots Folk Festival

In collaboration with the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center, Hiawatha Music Co-op, Marquette Blues Society, Ore Dock Brewing Company and Peter White Public Library, the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites the community to attend the second annual Winter Roots Folk Festival. The Festival will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15 and highlights traditional, folk, blues and Cajun music through a variety of events around town, including workshops, concerts, and dances.

In the morning, come by Peter White Public Library for a host of instrument, song and dance workshops. Then, in the afternoon, enjoy performances by local and regional artists at the Hiawatha Fold and Ore Dock Brewing Company, as well as a special collaborative performance by NMU students and faculty at Forest Roberts Theater. The evening culminates with a performance by the energetic Black Jake & the Carnies at Ore Dock Brewing Company starting at 7 p.m. Buttons will be on sale for $10 at participating venues beginning in February and will allow entry into all of the day’s festivities.
Creative Community Series

Ongoing Series
MACC Open Studio
Every Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
MACC Studio Space
Free to join – bring your own 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
Jan. 14 and Feb. 11, 7-9 p.m.
MACC Studio #1
Open to the public.
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.

Twisted Stitchers Quilting Club
Jan. 18 and Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
MACC Studio #1
Open to the public.
The Twisted Stitchers Quilting Club meets on the third Saturday of each month.

Yarnwinders Fiber Guild
Jan. 9 and Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
MACC Studio #2
Open to the public.
The Yarnwinders Fiber Guild meets on the second Thursday of each month.

UP North Knitting Guild
Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
MACC Studio #2
Open to the public.
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.

Special Events and Workshops

NCLL Presentation: Wooden Canoes – A Historical Restoration Process
Monday, Jan. 13, 2-4 p.m.
MACC Studio #1
$3 for Northern Center for Lifelong Learning Members, $6 for non-members; Contact Sandi at spoindex@nmu.edu or 906-361-1820 to register.
Rebuilding a wooden canoe involves more than sanding and staining; there is a history behind the canoe, a personal story to be recaptured. This presentation walks you through the process from beginning to end with photos, video and narrative. The presentation will include the finer points of canoe building and an explanation of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association.

Artist Talk: Ben Bohnsack – My Art Residency at Homestead National Monument of America
Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
MACC Studio #1
Free and open to the public.
In October 2019, Marquette-based woodcut artist Ben Bohnsack was the Artist-in-Residence at the Homestead National Monument of America in Beatrice, Nebraska. Ben will present a slideshow about the park and homesteading, as well as showing what he did while he was there. He will also talk about the application process for art residencies and the individual artist grant he received toward his personal expenses through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and CUPPAD, their regional granting agency.
This presentation will have widespread appeal to all in general and especially to those who appreciate Ben's woodcuts, as well as those interested in our National Parks and to artists considering residencies and grants. There will be plenty of time for Q&A and seeing Ben's art first-hand.
Lakeshore Boulevard Bank Stabilization

The top left picture shows the outlet for the drainage ditch behind Lakeview arena, the rest of the pictures show different angles of armoring done between Fair Avenue and Pine Street on Lakeshore Boulevard.