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

By the time that you read this, a good portion of our planned winter events will have taken place and we will be transitioning into spring activities. Our winter so far has been good to us, both recreationally and administratively. By that I mean that our winter events such as the Noquemanon Ski Marathon, also known as the Noque (pronounced “Nokie”), and the UP 200 dog sled race saw great success. At the same time, seasonable temperatures have not produced any serious freeze ups and our staff was able to keep up with keeping the streets clear of snow and well maintained.

Looking forward to the spring, in addition to our normal street maintenance, we have two significant projects planned. The first, and probably most significant, is the relocation of Lakeshore Boulevard between Hawley and Wright Streets. This project has been on the books for almost twenty years and has been delayed due to a lack of adequate funding. At the time of the project’s inception, City leaders have recognized the encroachment of Lake Superior on the road and the need to maintain this route along the shoreline. It was only recently after applying for and receiving two grants that we were able to take a big step in funding the almost $12M project.

The second project is the reuse of the two separate piling fields in the lower harbor. The northern most piling field is located just offshore of Dockside Marine and is adjacent to the Ore Dock. The southern pier is just offshore from the Hampton Inn. Both are over a century old and at one time were large dockages for several forms of commerce in Marquette as well as moorings for many different Lake Superior faring ships. What remains visible in the water today are the tops of the pilings that supported the docks back then.

When the City took ownership of the old railyard, now known as Founders Landing, we agreed to either remove or replace the pilings. Within the last few years, City leaders have made the decision to reuse the pilings and have approved a significant project that restores both piling fields into public piers designed exclusively for recreational use. We hope to have all the plans finalized by May of this year and begin construction soon after.

These two projects have been a long time coming and I, for one, am looking forward to their completion.

United Way of Marquette County Workplace Campaign

The City of Marquette has participated in the United Way Workplace Campaign for over 30 years. The impact of the City’s workplace campaign is significant and has typically been a top 20 contributor to the campaign. The United Way of Marquette County has a low administrative cost (averaging around 6%) and these contributions go directly back into the community. Last year, United Way funds impacted over 16,000 Marquette County residents, that’s about 25% of the county population! Marquette accounted for over half of clients served (see chart below). Without the City’s support this would not be possible.

City of Marquette employees, partnering with employees of the Peter White Public Library and Marquette Public Housing, contributed $4,654 to the 2019-20 United Way Workplace Campaign. Thank you to all those that participated in the Campaign!

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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 16, 2020, 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 30, 2020, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 13, 2020, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 27, 2020, 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.marquettemi.gov/boardapplication/](http://www.marquettemi.gov/boardapplication/)

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee One Opening
- Board of Review Two Openings
- Board of Zoning Appeals Two Openings
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority One Opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee One Opening
- Investment Advisory Board Two Openings
- Local Development Finance Authority One Opening
- Local Officers Compensation Commission Two Openings
- Marquette County Transit Authority One Opening
- Marquette Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board One Opening
- Police Fire Pension Board One Opening
- Public Art Commission One Opening

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**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 Friday, April 10 for Good Friday. 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 March 11 and April 8.

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.

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**Spring Forward**
The Marquette City Fire Department wants to remind you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks as we “Spring Forward” on March 8.

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors can only alert you if they have battery or electrical power.

Changing the batteries in these devices once a year when you set your clocks forward for daylight savings time will ensure that you are alerted in the case of an emergency.

All detectors should be tested once a month. To test the smoke detector, press the button on the cover. Hold the button down until you hear a beep. If you don’t hear a beep, then the system is not working properly. It could be the batteries or the detector itself. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years. Carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 2-10 years according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Working smoke detectors double your chances of surviving a residential structure fire.
Upcoming Waterfront Lifeguard Training

The City of Marquette is seeking qualified individuals to serve as summer waterfront lifeguards for the 2020 summer beach season. The position requires the employee to be at least 16 years old and to be Waterfront Lifeguard Certified.

The Marquette City Fire Department will be offering the following Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Certification and Re-certification courses at the Marquette High School Pool. There is no fee for these courses. This is not a swimming class; all candidates must be proficient swimmers and comfortable in the water.

Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Certification Course
April 18-19, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
April 25-26, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

There are online learning components that must be completed prior to pool sessions. Students must attend and pass all four days of classes to become certified.

Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard Re-certification Course
April 25, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and April 26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

There are online learning components that must be completed prior to pool sessions. Students must attend and pass both classes to become certified.

Interested parties may register and receive application information by calling Teresa Locknane at the Marquette City Fire Department- 906-225-8596.

Pigs-n-Heat

If you haven't been to this event before, it is a must see! Join us at Lakeview Arena Wednesday, March 11 at 6:45 p.m. when the puck drops on the best fundraising event of the season: the Pigs-N-Heat Charity Hockey Game.

The City of Marquette Fire Department has competed in this annual hockey game for over 30 years. The goal is to raise money for the Fire Relief Fund, which helps Marquette County residents experiencing a devastating loss due to fire.

Tickets are $1 and available at City of Marquette Fire Station #1, 418 S. Third Street and the Marquette Police Department, 300 W. Baraga Avenue.

Besides the excitement of watching the Firefighters and Law Enforcement Officers face-off, there are an abundance of prizes to be won. Help support the effort and pack the rink. It’s anyone’s game to win, but I heard this year the HEAT is on!
**Adult Use Marijuana Update**

Applications for adult use marijuana licenses with the City of Marquette are now open. On Feb. 10, the City Commission approved the related amendments to the Land Development Code recommended by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission engaged in several work sessions and a public hearing to craft recommendations on the appropriate zoning districts for each adult use marijuana establishment and presented these recommendations to the City Commission at a joint work session in January and at the City Commission public hearing in February.

Parties interested in opening an adult use marijuana business will need to go through several steps before they can be approved for their license. First, all applicants need to obtain prequalification through the State of Michigan Marijuana Regulatory Agency. Next, applicants will need to apply for a special land use permit to determine if the business will be an acceptable use for the property (this process is detailed in the chart below). If the Planning Commission approves the special land use permit, the applicant can then file an application with the City Clerks office for a municipal adult use marijuana business license. If approved, a provisional municipal license and an attestation form for the state will be issued to the applicant. The provisional license does not give the applicant the ability to open a marijuana business, it only certifies that they have successfully complete the City licensing process. Once the state issues a license, a full municipal license will be issued that runs concurrently with the state license and the business will be able to open.

To get a special land use permit application, please visit the City of Marquette Community Development Department at 1100 Wright St. or visit marquettemi.gov/departments/community-development/. To get an application for an adult use marijuana license, please visit the City Clerk’s office at 300 W. Baraga Ave. For more information on the public process regarding the formulation of the adult use marijuana ordinance and zoning requirements, please visit marquettemi.gov/marijuana.

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**Presidential Primary Election**

Michigan’s Presidential Primary is scheduled for March 10, one week after the highly-publicized “Super Tuesday”. There are no local races or issues in March, but there will be separate ballots for Republican Presidential candidates and Democratic Presidential candidates.

Under state law, voters in this Presidential Primary Election must choose whether to vote a Republican ballot or a Democratic ballot. This choice is made when the voter requests a ballot. Candidates on for each ballot can be found here: [https://mibocf.rictusa.com/election/candlist/2020PPR_CANDLIST.html](https://mibocf.rictusa.com/election/candlist/2020PPR_CANDLIST.html).

To see if and where you are registered to vote, please visit [mvic.sos.state.mi.us](https://mvic.sos.state.mi.us). If you’re not registered and want to vote on Tuesday, March 10, you must register in person at the City Clerk’s Office at 300 W. Baraga Ave. Absentee voting is open to any registered voter and a ballot may be obtained from the City Clerks Office. You have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk’s office.
Downtown Marquette Restaurant Week

Celebrate the local flavors of Downtown Marquette’s dining scene during the seventh annual Downtown Marquette Restaurant Week, March 1-8. Participating Downtown Marquette restaurants will offer $10-$15 fixed price lunch menus and select dinner meals for $25-$30. Downtown Marquette 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, find your favorite meal deal at one of these participating downtown gems (menus below):

906 Sports Bar and Grill
Border Grill (Third St.)
Café Bodega
Casa Calabria
Contrast Coffee Co.
Delft Bistro
Doncers
Digs
Elizabeth’s Chop House
Harley’s Restaurant at Ramada Inn
Iron Bay Restaurant and Drinkery
Lagniappe Cajun Creole Eatery
Landmark Inn
Portside Inn
Steinhaus
Stucko’s Pub and Grill
Togo’s Submarine Sandwiches
Vango’s Pizza and Cocktail Lounge
Vierling Restaurant and Marquette Harbor Brewery

“Downtown Marquette Restaurant Week is a highly anticipated event for both locals and visitors to the area. There’s something for everyone; with so many delicious offerings, it will be tough to choose where to go!” states Tara Laase-McKinney, Events and Promotions Coordinator for the Marquette Downtown Development Authority. “It is my favorite week of the year in Downtown Marquette.”

Downtown Marquette Restaurant Week menus can be found on the MDDA website: downtownmarquette.org/restaurant-week/, and are subject to change. For more information, please contact Tara Laase-McKinney, Events and Promotions Coordinator, at 906-228-9475 or Tara@downtownmarquette.org.
Farmers Market

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is pleased to announce the dates for its 21st season. Just like last year, the market will feature three seasons: the Saturday Morning Market, Wednesday Evening Market and the Late Fall Market. All markets will be held at the Marquette Commons, 112 S. Third St. New this year, applications will be available for submission online via the Farmers Market’s website: mqtfarmersmarket.com.

The market dates are as follows-

Saturday Market: May 16 - Oct. 31, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesday Market: June 17 - Sept. 30, 5 - 7 p.m.
Late Fall Saturday Market: Nov. 7 - Dec. 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Interested vendors can apply online starting Monday, March 9. The due date for 2020 applications is Friday, April 3. Vendors will be notified of acceptance by Tuesday April 21, followed by an all vendor meeting on Wednesday, April 29 at the Marquette Commons.

This will be the first season the market will not be issuing any new market money. Vendors are encouraged to accept credit and debit cards, however it is not mandatory. Old market money will be accepted through the end of the 2020 season by all vendors. Be sure to stock up on cash before heading down! There are several ATMs located a short walking distance from the market. Food assistance programs such as SNAP, Hoop Houses for Health and WIC will continue to be accepted.

For more information about the market, vendor application and forms of accepted payment please visit mqtfarmersmarket.com.

New Market Manager, Sara Johnson

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority (MDDA) is pleased to announce the hiring of the new Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Manager, Sara Johnson.

Sara is a Milwaukee native who lived in Chicago for nearly a decade before making the move to the true North. In college, she studied advertising and marketing to fuel her entrepreneurial drive. Following that, she spent a handful of years working in advertising agencies focusing on media planning and digital project management.

However, Sara’s true passion and focus has always been around food. She made a career pivot and became a private chef and co-owner of an events and catering company. She has competed in the World BBQ Championships in Memphis and traveled the US with a pick-up truck and 20-foot custom built smoker.

Sara moved to Marquette almost two years ago with her partner so they could start a small business. The transition to a more rural area also allowed her to connect with food on an organic level, working towards her dream of owning a homestead bed and breakfast. For the past few years, she has volunteered at a permaculture farm, worked at a farm to table restaurant and wine bar, and organized the silent auction for Marquette’s Local Food Fest. She enjoys getting to know Marquette’s local food system and its growers, producers and supporters.

“We are pleased to welcome Sara to the MDDA team as the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market Manager. Her enthusiasm and passion for agriculture and local food systems will help propel the market’s continued growth and vibrancy as we prepare for its 21st season and beyond,” said Rebecca Salmon, Marquette Downtown Development Authority Executive Director.

Sara can be reached at the MDDA office at 906-228-9475, on the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market phone at 906-362-6276 or at farmersmarket@downtownmarquette.org.
Karen Tembreull
March 3-31, The Deo Gallery

March’s Deo Gallery exhibit features the work of fiber artist Karen Tembreull. As a fiber artist focused in basketry, Karen’s medium is derived primarily from her environment. She enjoys combining traditional basketry applications with other historical fibers, arts and metalworking techniques such as piecwork, lace making and fabrication. Art has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember, and teaching classes is her primary focus today. She was selected as one of the winners of the Bonifas Arts Center’s annual Northern Exposure regional art competition in 2019.

An artist reception will be held on Thursday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is free, open to the public and refreshments will be provided.

NMU School of Art & Design – Annual Student Show
April 1-30, The Deo Gallery

April’s Deo Gallery exhibition features the work of students from Northern Michigan University’s School of Art & Design, under the instruction of Brian Kakas.

An artist reception will be held on Thursday, April 2 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be provided.
Senior Arts Series

All senior programming is 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.

Visual Arts

Senior Visual Arts classes are offered on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of Peter White Public Library. In the event of a holiday conflict, classes will be held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Please call Tristan at 906-225-8655 with any questions about Senior Arts programming or to register for a class.

Wednesday, March 4, 1-3 p.m.: Copper Earrings with Madeline Goodman
Wednesday, March 18, 1-3 p.m.: Copper Earrings with Madeline Goodman

Wednesday, April 1, 1-3 p.m.: Zentangle with G.G. Gordon
Wednesday, April 15, 1-3 p.m.: Zentangle with G.G. Gordon

Superior Theater Experience

Senior acting classes with Moire Embley are held twice a month from 2-4 p.m. at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of Peter White Public Library at 217 N Front St. in Marquette. The next classes will be held on March 9, March 30, April 6 and April 27. Please contact 906-360-7126 to register or with any questions.

In addition to acting classes, senior acting experiences take place each month with local theatre companies, including attending Forest Roberts Theatre performances, auditions, rehearsals, technical and backstage tours, music and choreography rehearsals, flight staging, and much more. These experiences come at no cost to the participant, but pre-registration is required. For more information about experience offerings or to get involved, contact Tristan at 906-225-8655.
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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**
March 10 and April 14, 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**
March 21 and April 18, 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**
March 12 and April 9, 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**
March 19 and April 16, 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

**LSAA Program: Annual Exhibition of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America**
Tuesday, March 17, 7-9 p.m.
MACC Studio #1
Open to the public
On-screen showing hosted and commentated by TWSA members Carl Mayer and Charlie Stewart.

**LSAA Program: Jack Deo**
Tuesday, April 21, 7-9 p.m.
MACC Studio #1
Open to the public
Presentation by local photographer and historian Jack Deo.

**Transition Marquette County Repair Café**
Saturday, March 21, 12-4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18, 12-4 p.m.
MACC Studio #2
Open to the public
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.
PIGS-N-HEAT

37th ANNUAL CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 6:45PM
LAKEVIEW ARENA • $1.00 DONATION

HUNDREDS OF PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY AT THE GAME!

~SPONSORED BY~

Since its inception in 1984, the Pigs & Heat Hockey Game has raised over $440,000 and $380,000 has been distributed to fire victims throughout Marquette County.

visit the website: pigsnheat.org