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Marquette Matters

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Lieutenant Governor Visits Marquette

During his "Pure Michigan" U.P. trip, Lt. Governor Brian Calley, along with his son, and City officials, experienced the beautiful Lake Superior by sailing on Marquette's official flagship, the Coaster II. Lt. Governor Calley was able to enjoy his first sailing experience right here in Marquette.

Pictured at right is Lt. Governor Calley (front), Mayor Johnny DePetro, Collin Calley, and Captain Nicholas Economides of the Coaster II (middle), 109th District Representative John Kivela and Commissioner Fred Stonehouse (back).



Bill's Blog...

Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager (pictured right), shares his comments on the health of our City in "Bill's Blog." The City Manager is the chief administrator for the City government. Vajda welcomes comments from the community at 906-225-8102 or manager@mqctcy.org.



Summertime has arrived in Marquette, with all attendant beauty, opportunities for fun and adventure, and outstanding events sponsored by a wide array of great community organizations. Enjoy your favorites or try something new – and consider signing up to help make programs even better. Volunteers make us strong, and there is always a need for more, no matter what your interests or abilities might be!

With the start of the construction season, there are many projects underway, and lots of potential for temporary disruptions to our daily routines. Most folks accept temporary inconveniences as necessary for the long-term benefits improvements bring, but sometimes have questions that City personnel on-site might not have an immediate answer for. To that end, information about City plans and efforts underway is available through the City website, public service announcements through local media, online social networks, or by calling or stopping by City Hall and chatting with me, staff, or City Commissioners. My door is always open, and residents have first priority!

As we continue to implement the new City Charter, there are also opportunities for residents to participate in City Committees, and share their talents and expertise for making Marquette a better place. The City is actively working on efforts to extend sustainability and expand recycling within the community; to expand recreational opportunities along the waterfront and at Tourist Park; to focus on the needs of our youth and seniors; to partner more with other jurisdictions to address common needs and goals; and to make information about all the efforts underway even more accessible, transparent, and useful. *(Continued on page 2)*

By Way of the Water— Celebrating Marquette's Legacy

The City of Marquette presents *By Way of the Water: Celebrating Marquette's Legacy*, a weeklong series of events celebrating local history, art and the restoration of the Father Marquette statue. The event, made possible by many different organizations in Marquette, will include live theatre and musical performances, tall ships, bus tours, exhibits, lectures, living statues and more.

By Way of the Water kicks off on Monday, July 15th when artist, Giorgio Gikas, from Detroit gives a lecture at 10:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn about his process of restoring the Father Marquette statue. Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the site of the statue, the newly restored Father Marquette will be unveiled, complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Marquette City Band ensemble, birch bark flotilla, a performance by Lake Superior Theatre, and a celebration for the Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committee's 35th birthday.



The Marquette Regional History Center (MRHC) will be offering historical bus tours during the week. On Thursday, July 18, there is a Marquette City Band concert at 6:00 p.m. at the MRHC, followed by a lecture about Father Marquette at 7:00 p.m. The Mattson Lower Harbor Park will be hosting tall ships in the harbor during the weekend along with an exciting performance by living statues on Friday.

For a full schedule of the weeklong events, check out page 7.

Independence Day Schedule

- Parade: The Harley Davidson motorcyclists will ride the parade route to honor our military starting at 1:45 p.m.; officially begins at 2:00 p.m.
- Fireman's Competition following the parade at Mattson Lower Harbor Park, 4:00 p.m.
- Marquette County Exchange Club International Food Fest at Mattson Lower Harbor Park, 12:00-10:00 p.m. (July 3-5)
- City Band performance at Mattson Lower Harbor Park, 6:00 p.m.
- Fireworks at dark (approximately 10:00 p.m.). The fireworks will have a rain date of July 5th. See page 4 for fireworks safety tips from the Marquette Fire Department.

Parade and fireworks brought to you by the Marquette Area Fourth of July Committee.

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August 6, 2013 Primary Election

At the City Primary Election to be held on August 6th, City voters will decide on four candidates that will advance to the November 5, 2013 General Election where two of the final four nominees for City Commission will be elected. Please note that candidates for the Board of Light and Power will only appear on the November 5, 2013 General Election ballot as there would have had to be three or more candidates to warrant a Primary Election for them. There will also be a proposition on the ballot for Marquette Area Public Schools regarding their operating millage. This is an odd-year election cycle where we will only have these local issues on the ballot.

There are two City Commission seats up for election this year and there are five candidates whose names will appear on the ballot as follows:

- David J. Campana
- Russell E. Kangas
- Mike Plourde
- Sarah Reynolds
- Tony Tollefson

In preparation for the Primary Election, the Clerk's Office has been processing applications for those who wish to vote by absent voter ballot. The ballots for the Primary Election have been received and voters on the permanent absent voter list who have returned their application to vote were sent their ballots beginning on June 25th. The City's Election Board met at 4:00 p.m., June 27, 2013, to appoint Election Inspectors and they will meet again to conduct mandatory testing (Public Accuracy Test) of the City's election equipment on July 31, 2013, at 3:00 p.m. The Clerk's Office will also conduct training for election workers and precinct chairs and vice chairs on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. The last day to register to vote in the August Primary Election is July 8, 2013. Interested persons can register to vote at City Hall, in the Clerk's Office from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays or at the Secretary of State's Office located in the Marquette Mall.

For more 2013 election information please visit the City website at <http://www.mqtcty.org/clerk.html>.

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Why is participation important? Because we work for you! Each individual Commissioner serves the entire community – not just a single precinct – and advocates not just for the issues for which they were elected, but for the best policies of general good for the City. The views of the residents play an important role not just electing representatives, but by informing their ongoing deliberation.

Marquette has a permanent population of approximately 21,000 people. Using statistical estimating techniques, if the Commission is seeking 95% confidence in any vote affecting the entire population of Marquette, the minimum sample size would be 600 individual inputs – I.E., having the input of 600 different random residents. This is a very tall order – and rarely observed outside of elections. The consequences are predictable: Fewer inputs equals less confidence in decisions, and increases the likelihood that feedback received is more biased towards a single interest. Staff doesn't make policy – staff makes policy *happen*. In a very real sense, residents are both the spectators as well as the "safety net" Commissioners rely on to inform judgment. So please, make your interests known, and consider serving on a Committee – Marquette will be better for it!

In the meantime, let's revel in the warm weather, eat great local food, drink hearty local beverages, and warmly greet each person who comes to Marquette seeking its unique ambiance and lifestyle. Visitors offer a chance to see Marquette through a different set of eyes, and to enjoy their vacation ourselves – and maybe gain something that makes Marquette even more special.



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Want to stay up-to-date on happenings in town on your phone?



The inMarquette™ application is a full tour guide in your pocket. Whether you want to read about the history of Marquette or find the best place to grab a sandwich for lunch,

inMarquette™ is here to help. The application provides information such as: an event calendar, points of interest, recreation, dining, lodging, emergency contacts, and more.

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City Commission Meetings

The Commission usually meets the second and last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Commission Chambers at 300 West Baraga Avenue, unless noted otherwise. Citizens are invited to attend.

Regular Meetings:

Monday, July 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m.,
Commission Chambers

Monday, July 29, 2013, 7:00 p.m.,
Commission Chambers

Monday, August 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.,
Commission Chambers

Monday, August 26, 2013, 7:00 p.m.,
Commission Chambers

Meetings are televised on the City of Marquette's Channel 21. 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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Summer Taxes and Utility Rates

New for 2013: The due date for payment of City summer taxes has changed from August 4th to September 14th as a result of voter approval of the new City Charter on November 6, 2012. Summer property tax statements were mailed to City residents on Friday, June 28th. Tax collection begins July 1st and payments are accepted without interest through September 14th. The summer property tax bill includes taxes for the school, Marquette-Alger RESA, state education, library, City, senior millage, county operating, and the Iron Ore Heritage Trail.

Summer Tax Deferment: Eligible taxpayers may defer their summer taxes by submitting an application for deferment to the City Treasurer by September 14th. To qualify, the gross annual household income cannot exceed \$40,000 and the applicant is either: 1) age 62 years or older, 2) paraplegic or quadriplegic, 3) eligible service person who served in the active military forces during a period of "war," 4) blind, or 5) totally and permanently disabled. A deferment postpones the due date of the summer taxes without interest from September 14th to February 14th.

City Utility Rates: A slight increase in the garbage rate will take effect with the July 2013 billing cycle. The new rate was approved by the City Commission as part of the annual budget process in May. Water, sewer, and stormwater rates did not change. Water and sewer rates consist of a base rate and a variable rate. See below chart for details.

Utility Rates

Rates effective July 2013

Water monthly billing rates

Water base rate	Fixed charge	Previous rate
5/8" or 3/4" meter	\$5.76	same
1" meter	\$10.76	same
1 1/2" meter	\$19.76	same
2" meter	\$29.76	same
3" meter	\$51.76	same
4" meter	\$76.76	same
6" meter	\$151.76	same
8" meter	\$201.76	same
10" meter	\$336.76	same

Water Volumetric Charge per CCF*

Users not paying property tax or PILT - \$4.38	same
All other users - \$4.06	same

*CCF = 100 cubic feet = 748 gallons

Sewer monthly billing rates

Sewer Base Rate	Fixed Charge	Previous rate
All meter sizes	\$5.00	same
Sewer volumetric charge per CCF: \$6.21		same

Stormwater monthly billing rates

Residential (by lot size)	Fixed Charge	Previous Rate
Up to 1/5 acre	\$3.45	same
Over 1/5 up to 1 acre	\$5.87	same
Over 1 up to 2 acres	\$9.30	same
Over 2 up to 6 acres	\$17.76	same
Non residential (based on Equivalent Hydraulic Acreage)	\$68.23	same

Garbage/Yard waste

Residential/Small Commercial	Fixed Charge*	Previous Rate
Per housing unit/business	\$14.75	\$13.80

*Increased 6.9%

Did you know?

The City of Marquette is accepting organic waste recycling at the Municipal Service Center located at 850 W. Baraga Avenue. Material can be placed in the green Waste Management container located in the southeast corner of the front parking lot during normal operational hours of Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please use paper food bags for delivery of items.

Curious About How to Serve Your Community?

The City of Marquette has several openings for various volunteer advisory boards and committees. Check out our website for the most up-to-date vacancy information, and for an application at www.mqtcty.org/government.html.

- **Aging Services Advisory Committee**—Six Openings
- **Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**—Three Openings
- **Harbor Advisory Committee**—One Opening
- **Housing Commission**—One Opening
- **Local Officers Compensation Commission**—Three Openings
- **Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board**—One Opening
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**—One Opening
- **Planning Commission**—Three Openings
- **Regional Recreation Authority Business Plan Ad-Hoc Committee**—One Alternate Opening
- **Sister City Advisory Committee**—Three Openings
- **Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee**—Three Openings

Biannually, the City Manager along with the City Clerk and City Attorney, host *New Committee Member Orientation* to give volunteer committee members an overview of City government, parliamentary procedure, policies, and other general information about serving. The next session of orientation will be held on September 10, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at City Hall.

City Offices to Close for Independence Day

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Avenue; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Avenue; the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front Street (Peter White Public Library); and the Municipal Service Center, 850 W. Baraga Avenue, will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. The Fire and Police Departments will remain open and staffed during this time.

Summer Hours at City Hall

City Hall offices are open from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. from May 28 until August 30, 2013. For operating hours of other City departments and facilities, please visit our website www.mqtcty.org/contact_us.html.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Bill Vajda holds community office hours on the second Wednesday of the month, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The forum is intended to provide an informal opportunity to discuss issues within the community, and to give citizens the opportunity for direct dialogue with City staff about interests and concerns.



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Local Musicians Play Street-Side During Music on Third

An eclectic mix of local musicians will play along the sidewalks of Third Street from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, as part of a summer series titled Music on Third.

The summer line-up includes the talents of Eclettico, The Union Suits, Green Gene, Funky Junction, Log Jam, Dave Balding, The Circle of Willis and more, as well as an open jam at Blackrocks Brewery.

Held the third Thursday of the month, June through August, Music on Third brings the community out onto the summer streets of Marquette's Downtown District to enjoy fresh, local music and visit the more than 100 unique shops and restaurants that line Third Street.

For more information, contact the DDA office at 906-228-9475 or e-mail Lizzie Corser at Lizzie@downtownmarquette.org.



Community Celebration of the Blueberry Returns to Downtown Marquette

Plans are underway for the 12th Annual Blueberry Festival to be held Friday, July 26,



2013 from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Washington and Front Streets, Downtown Marquette. The streets will be bustling as local businesses offer sidewalk sales and "blue" specials alongside crafters and performers. Pony rides, arcade jumps and children's activities will delight the youngsters. Mounds of fresh plump blueberries are always featured and downtown restaurants will satisfy your cravings for blueberry fare with creative

offerings from blueberry pizza to blueberry beer. The Children's Talent Show begins at 11:00 a.m., sponsored by the Lake Superior Youth Theatre. The streets will rock with live music of the "Blueberry Jam" as local favorite bands entertain the crowds.

Additional entertainment includes a dance performance by the Beladinas as well as karate and medieval armored combat demonstrations. Live music will grace the Pocket Park for the duration of the festival. Bella Beads will once again sponsor the "Blueberry Bead Challenge," with proceeds benefiting UPAWS. The twelfth annual limited edition festival poster will be available for \$10 at select downtown businesses and at the information booth. For more information on the Blueberry Festival call the Marquette DDA at 906-228-9475 or visit www.downtownmarquette.org.

Fireworks Safety Tips

The Marquette Fire Department would like to remind you to think safety first this Fourth of July. Fireworks can prove very dangerous and unpredictable if not used properly. There were more than 18,700 injuries caused by fireworks nationally in 2012, including 7,332 emergency department visits. Please remember:

- Read and follow directions on label.
- Always have adult supervision for young children.
- Wear eye and arm protection.
- Be aware of dry and windy conditions.
- Have a garden hose available to extinguish a small grass fire.
- Light fireworks on a hard paved surface or sand and gravel.
- Do not hold fireworks in your hand when lighting.
- Do not re-light a firework that does not go off; soak it in a pail of water later on.
- Use a long fireplace match or aim and flame lighter to light.
- Sparklers and fountains can burn at 1,000 to 1,200 degrees and cause serious burns.
- The new fireworks law in Michigan allows for the use of "consumer fireworks" including firecrackers, bottle rockets, aerial spinners and roman candles.

Downtown Marquette Farmers Market News

We are open for the season and you are invited! The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Marquette Commons, 112 South Third Street.

As one Farmers Market shopper commented, "I love coming to the market on Saturdays. It's like a party planned each week just for me!" And planned, we have: *Farmers* with their freshly harvested produce/meats, *bakers* with pies and bread and many more delicious baked goods, *artists* with a whole variety of products, *live music* weekly from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to enjoy while you shop, sit and listen, *food vendors* providing delicious prepared food (changes weekly), and *special events*. July will feature a blueberry pie contest, and August will feature ways to use honey.



Shop weekly for your food needs and remember to shop the market for your gift-giving needs. Lots of regionally produced items are available to make any remembrance special. The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts credit/debit cards, Project FRESH, Market FRESH and SNAP/Bridge Cards as well as offering Double Up Food Bucks thanks to a grant through the Michigan Fair Food Network. For more information on the market, visit www.mqtfarmersmarket.com or call 906-362-3276.

Marquette Firefighter 5K

The Marquette Firefighters Local 643 will hold their Second Annual 5K Run/Walk on August 3, at 9:00 a.m. The money raised goes into the Marquette Firefighter Community fund and is used to support youth programs and activities. The run/walk starts at the Fireman's Bell Tower at Mattson Lower Harbor Park. The entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 on race day. Registration forms can be picked up at Firehouse #1 (418 S. Third St.) or you can register on line at register.superiortiming.com.



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2013 Reconstruction Projects

This season is very busy with various street and utility reconstruction projects. These projects meet the intent of the City's proactive approach to managing its infrastructure assets.

Allouez Road (West Nicolet Blvd. Easterly to the Cul-De-Sac)

This is a complete reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the water, sanitary sewer laterals, and storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and asphalt drainage swales will be removed and upgraded with curbing and current street standards. Construction began on June 17th. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Mik Kilpela or Keith Whittington. Final plans are available for viewing.

Altamont Street (Fisher Street to Spring Street)

A complete reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and curbing will be removed and replaced to current street standards. We are anticipating construction to begin on July 1. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Greg Borzick or Keith Whittington. Final plans are available for viewing.

Safe Routes To School Sidewalk Project (Mesnard Street from Altamont to Tierney, and Altamont Street from Mesnard to Genesee Street)

This project provides safe access for children walking to school. The project included the construction of sidewalk on the west side of Altamont Street and the south side of Mesnard Street. Retaining walls were constructed for areas with steep side slopes next to the sidewalk. Highly visible pavement markings and signage were also placed as part of this project. This project began in April. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Jared Kangas. Work is essentially complete on this project.

Cedar Street (Ridge Street to Michigan Street)

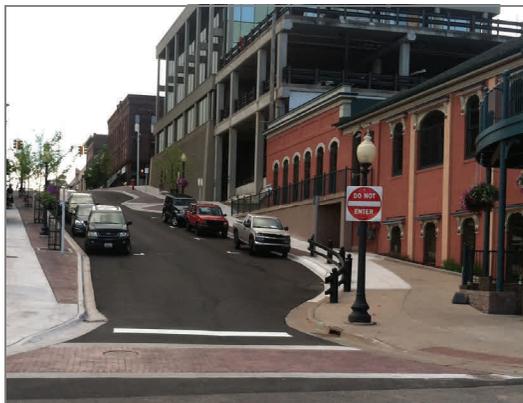
A complete reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and curbing will be removed and replaced. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Dan Salmon. Final plans are available for viewing.

High Street (College Avenue to Fair Avenue)

A complete reconstruction project that includes the replacement of the water main, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, and curbing will be removed and replaced. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Keith Whittington or Dan Salmon. Final plans are available for viewing.

East Washington Street (Front Street to Lakeshore Boulevard)

A complete reconstruction project that included the replacement of the water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer utilities. The street surface, subbase, sidewalk, and curbing were removed and replaced. This project incorporated stamped concrete, decorative street lighting, on street parking, and street trees. Work is essentially complete on this project. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Greg Borzick or Keith Whittington.



East Avenue Water and Sanitary Sewer Upgrades (Wright Street Southerly to the Road End)

This project will remove undersized water and sanitary utilities and upgrade them to current industry standards. We are anticipating construction to begin in July. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Jim Compton or Keith Whittington. Final plans are available for viewing.

Engineering Department

The Engineering Department provides design and construction engineering for various water, sewer, drainage, street and other public infrastructure projects throughout the City. The Department maintains records and maps of the City and is in the process of mapping all of the City's infrastructure using a Geographic Information System (GIS).

The Engineering Department issues and monitors work or activities within the public right-of-ways (streets or public easements). Right-of-way permits are required for all utility work, street work, hauling activities, house moving, parades or other activities that impact the street system. Fees will be charged when permit applications are submitted. Once permits are processed by the Department, the City issues public service announcements to the media so that residents are aware of road closures and other pertinent information.

To get further information, please contact the Engineering Department at the Municipal Service Center. The Municipal Service Center is located at 850 W. Baraga Avenue, just down the street from City Hall. Staff can be reached by phone at 906-228-0440, stopping by, or e-mailing engineering@mqctcy.org. For more information, please visit our website at www.mqctcy.org/eng.html.

Presque Isle Marina Dredging Phase I

This project removed the southerly most pier system and included dredging of the marina area west and south of the remaining pier systems. Dredging and demolition began in May, and is essentially complete as of June 29th. Any questions regarding this project can be directed toward Jim Compton or Keith Whittington. The marina is scheduled for opening on July 1.

Street Improvement and Maintenance Projects

The Street Improvement and Maintenance Project (SIMP) has been an annual project where streets that warrant heavy maintenance are milled and overlaid. This construction season we will be going green with the use of recycled asphalt shingles in the paving mixtures. Streets that are planned for treatment are Washington Street from Rublein to U.S. 41 and Division Street from Joliet Road to CR553. We are anticipating construction in July and August.



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Planning Department Updates

2013 has been a success story for the Planning Department. Several long-range planning projects have been developed and will be completed in this calendar year. The following is a synopsis of current projects:

Third Street Sustainable Corridor Plan

The City acquired funding from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) in 2012 to ensure the vitality and sustainability of the North Third Street corridor, by bringing in an urban design team to conduct an evaluation, interviews, and hosting a design charrette (intensive public design studio) that will soon yield both an implementation plan, to facilitate design preferences, and a form-based code that will enable private and public development of options proposed by the plan. The planning team began work in April, held a four-day charrette here in May, and their final draft Plan and Code will be submitted in July. Videos from the presentations are available on the City of Marquette Community Development Department's Facebook page.

Mobility Management/Transit Study

A surprising opportunity came with the grant for the Third Street Corridor Project in the form of an opportunity to have a mobility study conducted at no extra cost, through a foundation grant that provided for Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to contract with Smart Growth America (SGA). The Marquette working group (a local stakeholder team, SGA, and partner consultant Current Transportation Solutions) opted to focus on mobility management strategies that will increase the effectiveness of the regional transit network, and specifically to develop improved mobility in the City of Marquette, centering on the improvement of transit service between major urban destinations linked by the North Third Street corridor. Find out more about this project on the Planning Department's webpage. A final presentation on the selected implementation strategies will be conducted in late July or August. <http://www.mqtcty.org/plan.html>



Community Development Master Plan

The City Planning Commission began working on a major update and amendment of the Community Master Plan in mid-2012, conducting visioning workshops and outlining changes that would be necessary to adopt an up-to-date plan. Staff has been working diligently on this large project and has made much progress, but there is still much work to be done. The Planning Commission is aiming for completion of the document in the fall.

Sign Ordinance Amendments

In late 2012, Planning staff drafted amendments to the City Sign Ordinance to provide a better methodology for allocating signage in shopping centers. Several draft amendments were prepared for public hearings, but as research on sign trends progressed it became clear that the Sign Ordinance was inadequate in the area of digital signs, or "electronic message center" signs. In April, the City Commission adopted several amendments to the Sign Ordinance, but digital signs were not included in those amendments. The Planning Commission has drafted amendments regarding digital signs, which will be considered in a public hearing on Tuesday evening, July 2nd. Once this hearing is conducted, the Planning Commission will send a recommendation to the City Commission for a final hearing on the draft amendments. The Planning Commission typically meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall, Commission Chambers, and the schedule is published on the City's website.

Climate Change Adaptation Planning

The City of Marquette and the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) jointly secured a competitive technical assistance award that was offered by the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments Center (GLISA) in late 2012, for the creation of a plan for climate change adaptation. Two well-attended public workshops were held, in February and April, to gauge community understanding of climate change, and to assess preferences for addressing this complex and long-term issue. GLISA is preparing maps and a planning document that considers several critical issues for planning purposes, including local ecosystem and infrastructure vulnerabilities, recreation and tourism, and disaster preparedness. The planning document and "vulnerability maps" are currently being prepared, and are scheduled to be completed this month. Final recommendations will be incorporated into the Community Master Plan. A final community presentation on this important topic will be scheduled when the final document has been reviewed by the City and SWP.



Tourist Park Beach Opens with Ribbon Cutting

The City conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, June 11th to celebrate the re-opening of the beach at Tourist Park. The ceremony was attended by City staff and officials, Marquette Board of Light and Power staff and board members, and project stakeholders. The Tourist Park beach has been reopened after having been closed for roughly a decade due to the spillway failure that occurred at Silver Lake Basin, which caused an unexpected release of nine billion gallons of water. This vast amount of water overpowered two dams including the Tourist Park Dam, draining the reservoir used as the beach at Tourist Park, before eventually washing out into Lake Superior. The Tourist Park Dam sustained extensive damage, which left the reservoir drained until dam reconstruction finished in 2012. After the Board of Light and Power (BLP) dam was completed last year, the water level in the basin was slowly brought up, ultimately creating a 100-acre lake.



Pictured front (left to right): Mayor Johnny DePetro, BLP Executive Director Paul Kitti, BLP Board Chair Ed Angeli; back: Kolton Klein, Eagle Scout



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By Way of the Water— Celebrating Marquette's Legacy (cont.)

Restoring Father Marquette with Giorgio Gikas—Monday, July 15, 10:00 a.m.
Giorgio Gikas of Venus Bronze Works, Detroit-based restoration artist, will give a lecture at the Hampton Inn, *Free*.

Photo-Op with Father Marquette—July 15-21

Take a photo with a Father Marquette cut-out in the courtyard of the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum.

Father Marquette Statue Celebration—Monday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate the restoration of the Father Marquette statue with a ribbon cutting ceremony, birch bark flotilla, and performances by Marquette City Band ensemble and Lake Superior Theatre. The evening will finish with the Marquette Beautification and Restoration Committees' 35th birthday, complimentary cake and lemonade. Celebration will take place at the site of the statue located at the Lakeside Park. *Free* and open to all ages.

Marquette Regional History Center Bus Tours—July 17, 24, 25 and 31

History comes alive as costumed interpreters guide you through Marquette's past. Reservations required, please call 906-226-3571.

Marquette City Band Concert—Thursday, July 18, 6:00 p.m.

At the Marquette Regional History Center, *Free*.

History Lecture: Father Marquette and 17th Century—Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

Who was Father Marquette and why was he in this region? This program will include discussions and displays featuring 17th century map-making, discovery of 17th century artifacts and what those artifacts may tell us about the Great Lakes explorers at that time. *\$5 suggested donation* at the Marquette Regional History Center.

Tall Ships in the Harbor—July 19-21

Mattson Lower Harbor Park, time TBA.

Living Statues Performance—Saturday, July 20, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Mattson Lower Harbor Park

Art About Town—July-August, Reception on Thursday, July 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"Art About Town," a community art project highlighting historic places throughout Marquette. Exhibited through August at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, co-sponsored by the Lake Superior Art Association.

Canoe Assembly—August 3, 4

[Wooden Canoe Heritage Association](#) presents Upper Great Lakes Regional Assembly at Tourist Park. Patrons will display homemade wooden canoes during this two-day assembly.

Father Marquette Theatre Performance—August 19 and 20, 7:30 p.m.

Lake Superior Youth Theatre (LSYT) performance of "A Man Named Marquette" at the Boat House. Contact LSYT at 906-362-6453 for more information.

City Band Summer Schedule

The City Band has a full schedule again this year for your enjoyment. Upcoming performances include: July 4th (Independence Day Celebration) at 6:00 p.m., Mattson Lower Harbor Park.; July 15th (Father Marquette Statue Ribbon Cutting) at 7:00 p.m., Lakeside Park; July 18th at 6:00 p.m., Marquette Regional History Center's Museum Greenspace; July 25th at 7:30 p.m., Presque Isle Bandshell; August 8th at 7:30 p.m., Presque Isle Bandshell. Hope to see you there!



Marquette City Band
Performing Since 1887

Music in the Park Begins Sixth Season

The Marquette Arts and Culture Center is happy to announce that the Friday night "Music in the Park" Presque Isle bandshell local talent performance series began its sixth season on Friday, June 21, 2013. This musical series is free to the public. It's a great opportunity to pack a picnic basket and enjoy "dinner and a show" or just come as you are and enjoy the beauty of Presque Isle Park while experiencing some of the best talent our area has to offer. The bandshell has plenty of benches, lots of room for picnic blankets, a nice public restroom and a nearby ice cream stand for tasty treats. For an up-to-date schedule and more information, please visit upbandshell.com/.

July Exhibit

July's exhibit at the MACC will be Thursday Painters, titled "All Seasons." The exhibit will be up all month and the closing reception is on *Thursday, July 25, at 6:00 p.m.* in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. There will also be a reception for the "Art About Town" community art project at the same time and location.

The Thursday Painters, first organized sixty years ago, will celebrate their anniversary by exhibiting work that reflects the four seasons of the U.P. They are dedicating this year's exhibit to Ruth Seppala, the earliest member of the group, who died recently.



August Exhibit

The August exhibit at the MACC will be oil painter,

Gary Ruhinen. The



exhibit will be up all

month at the MACC

and there will be an

opening

reception on

Thursday, August 1,

from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Retired from the

U.S. Navy, Ruhinen

took influence from

the locations he had

lived in and put that

into his artwork. His

paintings take any-

where from four months to a year to complete.

Summer Workshops

The Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites the community to register for the Summer 2013 Workshop series. This season the Center is offering a wide variety of workshop genres and styles, including fine arts, movement, mixed media classes, free and drop-in courses and children's workshops.

A workshop brochure can be found online, or at the Center. Anyone interested in registering for a workshop may visit the MACC, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. For more information or questions, please call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqctcy.org.

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