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RIBBON CUTTING FOR TOURIST PARK BEACH RE-OPENING

The City of Marquette will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11th to celebrate the re-opening of the beach at Tourist Park. The ceremony will be held near the lifeguard station at the beach, and will be attended by City of Marquette staff and officials, Marquette Board of Light and Power staff and board members, and project stakeholders.

The beach at Tourist Park had been closed for ten years as of May 2013, 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. Slowly, the reservoir has refilled. This is the first year since the disaster that the public has the reservoir and beach back for recreational enjoyment.

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