



# Marquette Matters

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## Mayor Kivela spends time with President Obama during visit



President Obama and Mayor Kivela enjoyed lunch at Donckers of downtown Marquette.  
Photo courtesy of Mayor John Kivela

Mayor John Kivela was on vacation in the Florida Keys in early February when he received a voicemail from an unknown number. When he listened to the message, he was surprised to find a call from the White House. They informed the Mayor that President Barack Obama had chosen Marquette and Northern Michigan University as a location to speak. Excited at the news, Mayor Kivela decided cut his vacation short and came back to Marquette with little information other than he was greeting the President at the airport.

President Obama came to Marquette on February 10, 2011 to discuss the National Wireless Initiative, a proposal to excel America into the future by building 21st Century infrastructure. According to a press release from the Office of the Press Secretary, "Marquette was chosen as a place where businesses have been able to grow as a result of broadband access, with particular benefit in exporting local goods to new markets

around the world." While in Marquette the President participated in discussions with local businesses, a demonstration of how NMU's WiMAX network has enabled distance learning for area youth, and gave remarks to students and other invited guests at Northern Michigan University's Vandament Arena.

Unknown to the Mayor, he was able to not only greet the President, but also spent time riding in the Presidential motorcade (in the Presidents vehicle) and escorting him to lunch at Donckers in downtown Marquette. Mayor Kivela explains what it was like to spend time with the President, their discussions about Marquette, and details on this once in a lifetime opportunity on [this video](#) available on the City's [website](#).

President Obama's February 10<sup>th</sup> visit to Marquette was not only special to the Northern Michigan University campus community, it was special for the Mayor of the City of Marquette.

## Bill's Blog....

Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager, will share his comments on the health of our city in "Bill's Blog" as part of each issue of "Marquette Matters." The City Manager is the chief administrator for the City government. Vajda welcomes comments from the community at 225-8102 or [manager@mqctcy.org](mailto:manager@mqctcy.org).

If January and February are indications of what the year ahead holds for Marquette, it will be absolutely amazing! Here are just a few of the great things that have happened this year!

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) has identified \$300,000 in FY2010 funding to begin the efforts necessary to initiate the environmental remediation required for the land conveyance. This is a huge victory for the City, and although substantial work remains, a very positive first step demonstrating strong partnership, and the good faith effort of the USCG.

The Marquette Police Department has successfully concluded a partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to secure a spot on the FBI's Cyber Crime Task Force. The value of this opportunity is approximately \$100,00 in training, equipment, administrative support, and direct operational support, and will ensure local law enforcement is prepared for the largest growth area in crime anticipated for years to come.

The City has accepted a \$200,000 private bequest to the Fire Department for the purchase of life-saving equipment, and for other emergency purposes.

The City successfully applied for and was granted participation in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program, established as part of the health care reform law. While it is difficult to predict when major medical expenses will be incurred by any of our pre-Medicare retirees, records show from the previous year (08/09) qualifying claims amounting to approximately \$150,000, representing a potentially substantial cost avoidance to the City.

In mid-February, the City was awarded two grants through the State of Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth for a total of \$315,000. The grants were

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## City announces 2011 Elections

Elections are conducted annually in the City of Marquette for City Commission and Board of Light and Power. Marquette Area Public Schools (MAPS) will also be added to the ballot this year as they will have two seats open on their Board. The City and MAPS will be the only institutions that will be on the ballot for the election of representatives on their respective Boards/Commissions. This is considered an odd-year election and there are no Federal, State or County officials being elected nor will they have referendums for the public to consider.

In the 2011 City election there are three City Commission seats open and two seats open on the BLP. Anyone interested in running for any of these offices or the School Board can obtain candidate filing packets in the City Clerk's office beginning April 1, 2011. The candidate filing deadline for City Commission, Board of Light and Power, and School Board is May 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall at the City Clerk's Office.

For City elective offices there will only be a primary election in August if there are more than two candidates per available seat. Also, the City will likely add a millage renewal question on the ballot for the Senior Center, and MAPS may also have a millage referendum.

For more 2011 election information please go to the City website at [http://www.mqctcy.org/clerk\\_elections.html](http://www.mqctcy.org/clerk_elections.html)

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# City Budget process explained

Each year, as the winter snow continues to fall, the City of Marquette offices are buzzing with activity as the annual budget process begins. With governmental expenses in excess of \$20 million, this is not an overnight process. Furthermore, the City seeks to use the utmost care and diligence in appropriating the use of its available funding. So, what does it take to accomplish this task? Well, here's a little insight into the procedures the City follows to ensure responsible use of its finances.

Beginning in the month of January, the City Finance department announces to all City departments the timeline for which information needs to be received in order to propose their upcoming fiscal year expenses. This is typically a time that departments will review their expenses they have accumulated since the beginning of the fiscal year and they try to make estimates of their expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. In doing this, they are able to develop more reliable estimates of their departmental needs for the upcoming fiscal year. Other factors that they consider are a review of services their department provides, what it costs to provide those services, whether or not to continue providing those services, and if so, what it will cost to continue providing those services.

From these decisions, the departments then present this information to the City Commission. Based on that information, the Commission ultimately determines the budget

for each department. All of this work needs to be completed by the first Monday in May, for it is at that time that the Commission will publish and present a formal proposed budget for public inspection. The Commission will then also announce the date for which they will hold a public hearing.

Copies of the proposed budget are made available at the City Clerks office, at the Peter White Public Library, and on the City's official website. The public is invited to review the proposed budget and to attend the public hearing in order to voice their thoughts on the City's intended use of finances.

If all goes well, the Commission will formally adopt the budget no later than the third Monday in May. In essence, this is how City finances are expected to be allocated for the upcoming fiscal year and what services are to (continue to) be provided.

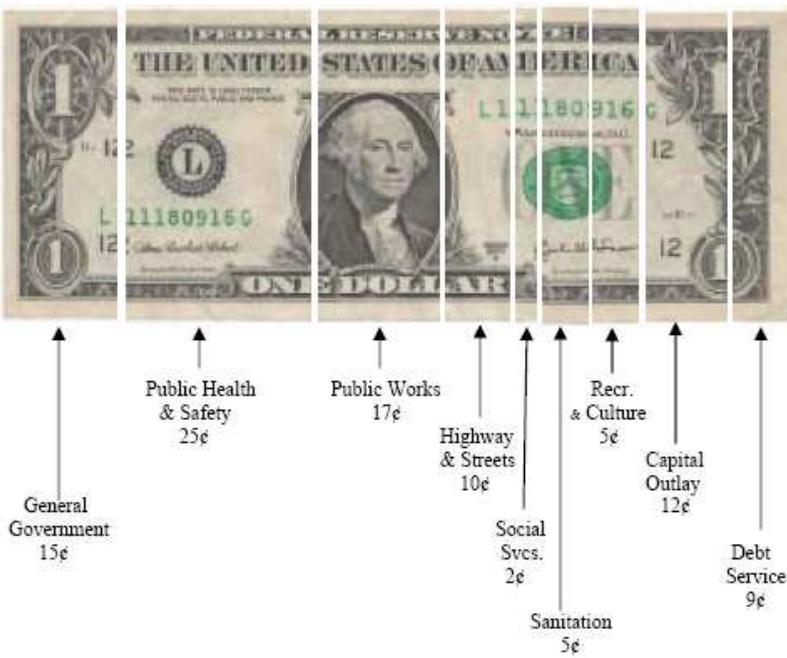
It doesn't end there. The Commission will continue to use this adopted budget to monitor the activities of the departments as they proceed through the fiscal year. It is their way of seeing how effectively the departments are managing their expenses while still maintaining their operational functions to serve the public.

Below, see an illustration of how \$1.00 of the 2010 fiscal year expenses were allocated to various City functions.

Right: This \$1.00 bill is divided to show the 2010 fiscal year expenses allocated to various City functions.

The City Commission will be voting on the 2011 fiscal year budget in May. All City departments are currently compiling their budgetary requests for approval.

Below: The Marquette City Commission will soon be considering the City's budget for the next fiscal year, and the public is invited to attend.



Date	Time	Place	Topic
February 23	8:00 a.m.	Room 103	Budget Work Session for Capital Outlay – Part 1
March 9	8:00 a.m.	Room 103	Budget Work Session for Capital Outlay – Part 2
April 19	5:15 p.m.	Commission Chambers	Special Meeting – General Fund Part 1
April 20	5:15 p.m.	Commission Chambers	Special Meeting – General Fund Part 2
April 26	5:15 p.m.	Commission Chambers	DPW, Engineering, Utilities
April 27	5:15 p.m.	Commission Chambers	Library, DDA, Wrap Up
May 9	7:00 p.m.	Commission Chambers	Public Hearing and Adoption of Final Budget and Fee Schedule

## City Manager offers community office hours

Marquette residents, business owners and community partners are invited to meet with City Manager Bill Vajda, as well as other administration leaders on Wednesday, March 16 and April 13 from 10:00 a.m. - noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The meetings are 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.

“Informed citizens are the key to successful community policies, and informed staff is the key to successful governance. We’re excited to offer one more way for citizens to share information and great ideas about our community,” explains Vajda.

## Marquette City Commission



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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 Commission Chambers at City Hall, unless noted otherwise. Citizens are invited to attend.

- March 2, 2011, 8:00 a.m.,  
Work Session, Room 103**
- March 14, 2011, 7:00 p.m.,  
Commission Chambers**
- March 28, 2011, 7:00 p.m.,  
Commission Chambers**
- April 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m.,  
Commission Chambers**
- April 25, 2011, 7:00 p.m.,  
Commission Chambers**

Meetings are televised on City of Marquette Channel 21, and are available on streaming video at [www.mqctcy.org](http://www.mqctcy.org).



# Spring cleaning with the City of Marquette

## Household rubbish drop-off site open

The household rubbish drop-off site will open on Tuesday, April 19th. The site is open every Tuesday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The site is limited to toys, tools, furniture, appliances (must be tagged Freon free), old clothing, shoes, books, drapes, carpets, decorations, (remodeling waste less than one pickup truck load per day) and other minor household items. **No shingles are accepted.** Appliances accepted **only** on Saturdays. Appliances and White goods include all appliances and water heaters. Appliances using any regulated refrigerant must bear an appropriate technician's certificate of compliance certifying that the refrigerant has been recaptured. Metal items will be separated for recycling. You will need a driver's license and City water bill for admittance. Residents in rental units using "green bags" who do not have a water utility bill in their name will need to contact their landlord to file a form with the Public

Works Department. The site is located off Wright Street between Presque Isle and Lakeshore Boulevard.

The following items will **not** be accepted: Liquid or hazardous wastes, freon containing appliances, brush or yard waste, regular garbage, food items, rocks or masonry, compressed gas tanks, tires, shingles, computers, laptops, network equipment, computer parts, software, flat panel screens, monitors, printers and scanners. Computers and their peripherals (working and not working) can be recycled at Goodwill, 3125 U.S. Highway 41 West.



## Spring brush collection schedule

Brush will be collected from City waste fee payers. Brush will be collected throughout the week of April 18. No other materials are being collected at this time. Brush is not to be placed on the right-of-way more than one week prior to scheduled pickup date. The volume from each property is limited to one pickup load (a pile approx. 12'L x 6'W x 5'H). A second collection will be offered in the fall. Place brush curbside in front of your own property according to the following schedule:

- April 18** All streets north of Fair Avenue.
- April 19** East Marquette bounded by, & including Front Street on the west, Fair Avenue on the north, & Baraga Avenue on the south.
- April 20** The area west of Front Street & north of US 41 Bypass bounded by, and including, Fair Avenue on the north, Seventh Street on the west.
- April 21** All streets south of US 41 Bypass.
- April 22** The area west of Seventh Street & north of US 41 Bypass bounded by, and including, Fair Avenue on the north.

## Hazardous waste collection

Please contact Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority at 906-249-4108, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or visit their website at [www.mcswwma.com](http://www.mcswwma.com).

Collections are from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Collections run from May through October only. The dates for the collections at the Marquette Service Center located at 850 W. Baraga Avenue are: May 7, June 4, July 16, August 13, September 24 and October 15.

## Compost drop-off site open

The City compost site will open on Saturday, April 16, 2011 and close Saturday, November 19, 2011 depending upon weather conditions. The disposal area is located at the old Cliffs Dow site accessed from Lakeshore Boulevard. This site is open to City residents on Monday and Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Non residents who own property in the City must bring a driver's license and current water bill for the property proving payment of the garbage fee that supports this facility. City of Marquette residents may bring their yard waste, grass clippings, garden debris, etc. There is no limit on the amount which will be accepted. Residents also may drop off one pickup load of brush per day, approximately 12'L x 6'W x 5'H. Commercial haulers are not permitted. Open burning is not permitted in the City of Marquette.

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Any individuals with disabilities who would like to receive the information in this publication in another form may contact the Marquette Matters newsletter at [marquettematters@mqtcty.org](mailto:marquettematters@mqtcty.org) or the Arts and Culture Center at (906) 228-0472.

## Spring compost collection schedule

Leaves, grass clippings, and garden debris will be collected from City waste fee payers. Each street will only be collected once. Materials may be bagged or windrowed and placed on the lawn next to the curb. Drivers are urged not to block access to debris piles with parked cars. City crews will not pick up brush or household rubbish items during this collection. Place your yard waste curbside in front of your own property according to the following schedule:

- April 25** Area bounded by Tracy & Sugarloaf on the west and lying north of Fair.
- April 26** Area bounded by & including East Fair on the north, East Hewitt on the south, & North Front on the west.
- April 27** Area west of North Front bounded by and including West Fair on the north, West Hewitt on the south, and North Seventh on the west.
- April 28** Area south of East Hewitt, bounded by and including East Baraga on the south, & Front on the west.
- April 29** Area south of West Hewitt, north of US 41 Bypass, west of Front and bounded by, and including, Seventh on the west.
- May 2** Area south of US 41 Bypass, bounded by and including Hampton on the south.
- May 3** Area south of Hampton.
- May 4** Area north of US 41 Bypass, west of Seventh, bounded by, and including, Cleveland on the north.
- May 5** Area north of Cleveland, west of North Seventh, bounded by, and including, West Fair on the north.
- May 6** Area north of West Fair & west of NMU Campus.

## Remodeling? Visit the Planning and Zoning Department

The Planning and Zoning Department is seeing a welcome increase in permit applications and site plan reviews. Requesting permits, variances, and site plan reviews at this wintry time of the year helps to ensure that project timelines will match expectations as the building season gets underway. The department encourages the public to visit their staff when planning or even considering an addition, remodeling, or fence project. Larger commercial construction projects (greater than 2000 sq. feet) require a staff and Planning Commission site plan review. In addition to an office visit, you may visit the City's website to view the City of Marquette Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 80) and to download the relevant applications.

NMU students Eric Nault and Neil Carey are welcomed as interns, assisting with electronic mapping work done by the Community Development Department. A significant backlog of mapping work is being completed by these students, who will receive academic credit while helping the City to accomplish much needed work. Planning, Zoning, Assessing, and Engineering all make extensive use of digital maps that are created with Geographic Information System (GIS) software. Creating and updating maps is an ongoing priority and their volunteer time has been equal to more than a half-time job for one person. Thank you!

## City complies to the Clean Water Act

The Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant operates continually to conform to the Clean Water Act mandated National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Any governmental agency, municipality, industry, or institution that discharges used water to the waterways of the United States must conform to a NPDES permit. Each permit is unique as determined by the individual state's regulatory agency; however, federal guidelines set minimum pollutant concentration and performance guidelines.

Each NPDES permit is designed to control water pollution such that receiving waters are improved or at least not adversely affected by permit compliant effluent. What does this mean for different NPDES permit holders? Depending on the quality of water in the receiving stream as well as environmental sensitivity in a specific aquatic system, permit limitations can vary significantly.

For example, a permit issued to a community that discharges treated wastewater into a small creek would be required to conform to much more stringent permit limitations than one that discharges directly into a large river that would be more likely to assimilate water pollutants. As a result, the application of water treatment technologies varies and with it the cost of equipment systems and their operation. The more refined an effluent quality, the more complex the treatment system upstream that is needed to produce it.

In the Marquette area, the Marquette Board of Light & Power Shiras Steam Plant, We Energies Presque Isle Power Plant, the DNR Fish Hatchery, the Marquette Water Filtration Plant and the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant all hold NPDES permits that regulate treated water discharges.

## New recommended fluoride levels for drinking water released

*From the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment and the Michigan Department of Community Health, January 21, 2011:* On January 7, 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released new recommendations for fluoride levels in drinking water. Their recommendation reaffirms that community water fluoridation is one of the most cost effective and safe measures for controlling dental decay in public health.

The new recommendation was developed in response to a 2006 report from the National Academies of Science suggesting EPA update their health and exposure assessment of fluoride in drinking water **and** other sources. From this assessment, EPA acknowledges it is now possible that Americans receive more fluoride from other sources so that slightly lower levels in drinking water will be sufficient. As a result, the EPA and HHS have **proposed a level of 0.7 mg/L** of fluoride as the optimal level for drinking water, replacing the previous recommendation of 0.7-1.2 mg/L.

This revised recommendation is based on data showing increasing dental fluorosis across the United States as a result of increasing exposure to fluoride in a variety of sources such as toothpaste, mouth wash and the application of various dental products. Mild fluorosis is noticed as chalky white lines on the enamel of teeth, barely noticeable except to a dental professional. Severe fluorosis is rare, but can cause pitting of the enamel and darker brown staining of the enamel.

The new guidance will update and replace original recommendations provided in 1962 by the U.S. Public Health Service. The current EPA regulations on fluoride consisting of a Maximum Contaminant Level of 4 mg/L and a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 2 mg/L are not changing at this time but they will be assessed. Any proposed changes will have to follow EPA protocols for standard setting. The current fluoride level in Marquette's drinking water is 1.0 mg/L.

Questions on the City of Marquette fluoride program can be directed to Superintendent [Curt Goodman](#).

## Lakeshore Boulevard Project Update

The Lakeshore Boulevard Project is a reconstruction project that will start at the intersection of Peter White Drive and Lakeshore Boulevard and proceed westerly to the dead end. This project will replace the undersized and aged water main piping with current standard piping. As part of this project the water main will be looped from the westerly end of Lakeshore Boulevard to the south crossing the Dead River and connecting to an existing water main at the end of Powder Mill Road. This

will provide the necessary fire flows required for this area. The sanitary sewer will be extended westerly from the intersection of Peter White Drive to provide public sewer service to the area homes that are now self reliant on aging septic systems. The existing street surface is rated a 3-4 under the Paser Rating System and will require removal and replacement.

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*Click the map, right, to view all current [Engineering projects](#).*

The Permit System described earlier that resulted from the 1972 Federal Clean Water Act has made significant improvements in the surface waters of the United States. Where major waterways once polluted by municipal and industrial wastewater caught fire, they now are thriving aquatic ecosystems that provide people with numerous recreational opportunities. Locally, Marquette's Upper Harbor, once the recipient of millions of gallons per day of municipal and industrial wastewater, now houses parks and walkways, boating, fishing, and swimming opportunities.



*Above: Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Plant Outfall 001A, located on the Carp River. All area wastewater is treated in accordance to the Clean Water Act before recycling in area outfalls.*

## Winter fire safety tips

The U.S. Fire Administration encourages you to use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a winter storm.

### Fire Related Hazards Present During and After a Winter Storm

- Alternative heating devices used incorrectly create fire hazards.
- Damaged or downed utility lines can present a fire and life safety hazard.
- Water damaged appliances and utilities can be electrically charged.
- Frozen water pipes can burst and cause safety hazards.
- Leaking gas lines, damaged or leaking gas propane containers, and leaking vehicle gas tanks may explode or ignite.
- Generators are often used during power outages. Generators that are not properly used and maintained can be very hazardous.
- Be careful when using candles. Keep the flame away from combustible objects and out of the reach of children.
- Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- All smoke alarms should be tested monthly. All batteries should be replaced with new ones at least once a year.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of debris for easy access by the fire department.

### Fire Safety..by the national numbers

- Winter residential building fires result in an estimated average of **945 deaths, 3,825 injuries, and \$1,708,000,000** in property loss each year.
- Fires in one- and two-family dwellings account for **67 percent** of all winter residential building fires.
- **Cooking is the leading cause** of all winter residential building fires.
- Winter residential building fires occur mainly in the **early evening hours, peaking from 5 to 8 p.m.**
- Although at its highest in December, residential building fire incidence is collectively highest in months of **January, February, and March.**



## Bill's Blog... Positive national coverage for the City of Marquette

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submitted in partnership with the Superior Watershed Partnership for energy conservation activities supporting residential retrofit programs in North and South Marquette.

During December, the Peter White Public Library received its Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Library Director Pam Christensen picked up the award from First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House. The Library was one of five in the nation—out of 123,000 libraries nationwide—to receive the award for “exemplary library community service... extraordinary civic, educational, economic, environmental, and social contributions.”

Later in January, *U.S. News & World Report* selected Marquette as one of the nation’s “Ten Winter Wonderlands for Retirement.”

The publication cited our City as “a wintry and affordable place ideal for snow-loving retirees.”

City staff hosted the first-ever Community Open House on February 10<sup>th</sup> at Lakeview Arena. It is estimated that about 150-200 citizens enjoyed the many fine presentations highlighting good work of the City government, and their comments offered glowing praise for the hard work that made the event a success. Commissioners, committee members, and residents took advantage of the chance to see departmental displays, speak with staff, and learn more about the valuable investments their tax dollars were making. The hall was filled with obvious pride in public service to our community—a pride for which I am deeply grateful.

Of course, February 10<sup>th</sup> will forever be remembered as the day when President Obama

came to Marquette to announce his National Wireless Initiative, and to praise our City for being the “national model community” for its cutting-edge wireless broadband infrastructure. When I interviewed for this job, I told the City Commission that I believed Marquette was “on the cusp” of remarkable national attention -- and this has proven true. Our community is an exceptional place worthy of national praise, but more importantly, it is the wonderful place we call home!

*City Manager Bill Vajda, right. Vajda presents remarks of the health of the City of Marquette in each issue of Marquette Matters.*



## Parks and Recreation Master Plan: community invited to participate

Recreation may be considered the foundation of the quality of life in our community. In fact, many of the national, regional and state accolades that the City has received over the last few years are directly related to the recreation facilities that exist within our great community. Those accomplishments and recognition did not happen by happenstance, but through good community planning.

In the last newsletter, the division provided an overview of the Five-Year Recreation Master Plan update, which will take place over the next ten months. The first step in the process will be to select a consultant who will help facilitate the public planning process. The City Commission should select a consultant by their final meeting in March. Upon being selected, the consultant will have three months (April – July) to identify needs or public policy considerations from the existing boards, committees and commission as well as stakeholders and the general public. There is an expectation to have three public forums to get community input; future advertisements will announce these forums. Any advertisements will be socialized through the local media as well as [www.mqtcty.org](http://www.mqtcty.org) and Channel 21.

Please plan to become involved! This is the community’s opportunity to be heard - it is the peoples’ plan.

## City of Marquette project updates

*Continued from page 4:* This project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for bids on March 18, 2011 with a bid opening on April 19, 2011 and a possible construction start in June. This project has received acceptance to qualify for a low interest State Revolving Loan for the sanitary sewer portion of the project. The low interest loan through the State Revolving Fund for the water main portion of the project is in the contingent stage and may qualify when funds become available.

The **Founders Landing Boardwalk Project** – the sheet pile and anchor wall are in place with 32% of the two walls tied together. All rip rap has been placed and the Boardwalk structure is being assembled in the contractor’s warehouse for installation in the field this spring.

The package project of **Brule Road** (Joliet to Schoolcraft), Adams Street (Mesnard to Hampton), Fair Avenue (Lincoln to Northrop), and Garfield Avenue (Jefferson to Sherman) has been reviewed by the MDNRE permitting agencies with Engineering addressing all concerns.

The **Lake Street Multi-Use Path** project is being reviewed by the State of Michigan. The City has qualified for a Transportation Enhancement grant with the City obligated to provide a 35% funding match.

The **McClellan Avenue Extension** Project Environmental Assessment (EA) draft report has been reviewed by the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Engineering has addressed all initial items of concern and has sent the draft document back to the State of Michigan for a final review.

The package project of Brule Road, Fair Avenue, Adams Street, and Garfield Avenue will be advertised for bids starting on March 18, 2011. The Lakeshore Boulevard project will also be advertised for bids on March 18, 2011.

Click the image on page 4 to visit the [City Engineering website](#) for more information and the most current project updates.

## Parks Spring-Summer 2011 Timeline

March 2011:	Application and hiring process begins for summer part-time staff
May 1, 2011:	Marinas open for season
May 18, 2011:	Tourist Park opens for season
June 10, 2011:	Beaches open for season
September, 2011:	Beaches close for season
October 16, 2011:	Tourist Park closes at noon for season

## Safe Carbon Monoxide levels at Lakeview Arena

A national network recently reported that a potential health risk may exist in indoor ice arenas. Excessive exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) from ice-resurfacing machine exhaust emissions and inadequate facility ventilation can lead to poisoning.

Due to this potential risk to our patrons, the City has recently conducted a CO test at the Lakeview Arena facility. The data was captured during a high use period when many ice cuts were being completed. The data revealed that the CO levels were far below what may be considered hazardous exposure.

Eric Stemen, Facility Maintenance Manager for the City of Marquette reported, “Carbon monoxide levels in both rinks are continuously monitored 24 hours a day through our Honeywell building automation system. This system automatically cycles the building ventilation should an increased CO level occur. The ventilation system consists of redundant exhaust components which reduce the chance of total system failure.”

Lakeview Arena’s CO levels are well below the permissible exposure limit. Please contact [Doug Smith](#) with any questions.



## Personal property statements due

Personal Property Statements are due on February 20, 2011. March Board of Review sessions will be held in City Commission Chambers on: March 28, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and March 29, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## Home sales within City double

Home sales within the City of Marquette totaled 133 sales, from April 2010 to September 2010. Homes sales from October 2008 through September 2009 totaled 132 sales. The six month sales period in 2010 totaled more sales than a one year sales period of October 2008 through September 2009.

## Inflation’s effect on taxable value

The rate of inflation effecting 2011 taxable value is 1.7%. Based on a 2010 taxable property value of \$80,000, the 2011 taxable value will be \$81,360 if no property alternation occurred in 2010. A homeowner with 2010 taxable value of \$80,000 would have paid approximately \$2,741.83 in taxes. In 2011 the same homeowner will pay approximately \$2,788.43; an increase of \$46.60.



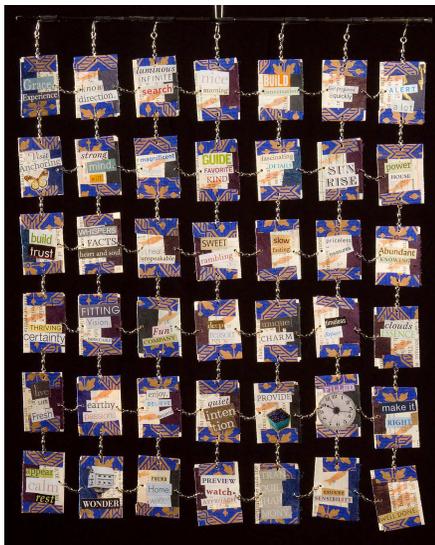
## “Quiet, Please” Art Installation

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Gallery is proud to present "Quiet, Please" an art installation by Calumet area artist, Cynthia Cote. Cote, who works in printmaking, fiber art and beadwork, has created what she describes as a reading room, 'a library of ephemera beneath the weight of the 190,000 books in the handsome Peter White Public Library. It is something like a four leaf clover pressed between the pages of an encyclopedia.'

She chooses to present books in various unusual forms, tied together to make a hovering book. Others imitate card catalogs which, in her words, are 'intimate renditions, homage to the pre-electronic systems made of real materials like paper and wood with marks made by the hand of the librarian.'

To Ms. Cote the act of selecting, sorting and folding paper, collecting words (first finding, then putting them in sequence), gluing, tying knots – the repetition in each step is important. 'I am interpreting the circumstances of my life. I read. I write. I am shopping for words: double meanings, ones that function as noun and verb, ones that look pretty together, and alliteration - ones that play with sound. They tell a brief story one sentence long.'

'Quiet, Please' will be on display at the Marquette Arts and Culture Center from March 2, 2011 to April 2, 2011. This exhibit may be viewed between 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 1:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Sunday at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Lower Level Gallery.



Above: "Slow Fasting," by Cynthia Cote

## Marquette Delegation to visit Higashiomi, Japan

The City of Marquette Sister City Advisory Committee will be sending a delegation to Higashiomi, Japan from October 13, 2011 to October 24, 2011.

While in Japan, delegates will live with a host family and visit sites of interest in Higashiomi and the surrounding area. Additional information about the program and application to join the delegation are available from the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center. The cost of the trip including air fare, ground transportation and official delegation events is approximately \$2,500.00 and is the responsibility of each delegate.

The Sister City program with Higashiomi, formally Yokaichi, started in 1979 and focuses on cultural understanding, international friendship and sharing of ideas. Additional information about the delegation can be obtained from Paulette Lindberg at (906) 869-4141 or Bill Brazier at (906) 226-3102.

## Japanese culture classes offered for youth

### Japanese Art and Tradition

**Wednesdays, March 9 - 30, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center**  
 Register your 6-12<sup>th</sup> grader for this free class and help them enrich their understanding of the world. Students will learn Japanese words and phrases, how to eat with chopsticks, how to write their name in Japanese calligraphy, how to create beautiful shapes using origami, and get a taste of Japanese food. The class will be taught by Tomoko Inoue from the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development who is originally from Kiryu, Japan.

To register for either or both classes, please call the Art Center at (906) 228-0472.

### Learning about the world around us: Japan

**Saturday, April 16, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center**  
 Join this workshop for a fun-filled afternoon of Japanese tradition and art. Come and learn the arts of Japan featuring origami and Japanese calligraphy. The class will be taught by Tomoko Inoue from the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development who is originally from Kiryu, Japan.

Children (free), teens (free) and adults (\$5.00 registration) are welcome!

## Lakeview Arena Wedding Venue Booking for 2011

Lakeview Arena has floor space available for rent from April through August. Rental includes event time, set-up and take down time, tables and chairs for up to 600 guests, food/cake/gift tables, raised platform for head table, and curtains hung around arena circumference. Contact the Community Services—Parks & Recreation/Lakeview Arena Office at (906) 228-0490 for more information.



## Senior Center offers tax assistance

The Marquette Senior Center is partnering with AARP to offer those within the area and are 55 years and older assistance in filing their Michigan State & Federal Tax Forms. This is the seventh year the Senior Center is working with AARP in the e-filing of tax forms. Appointments are necessary and can be made by calling the Senior Center office at (906) 228-0456.

## Local Arts Entertainment

### Local musicians perform at PWPL

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is pleased to announce the March *First Thursday Concert Series*, with an evening of music featuring **John Mallo and Rebecca Ferguson**. The concert will take place in the Peter White Public Library's Community Room on **March 3, 2011** from 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. with a suggested donation of \$2.00 - \$5.00 at the door that goes directly to the band. This concert provides a family friendly atmosphere of acoustic music and festivity and is open to the general public. The **Derrell Syria Project** will perform on Thursday, **April 7**.

Left: John Mallo and Rebecca Ferguson



### PWPL hosts national storyteller

Nationally known, award-winning speaker and storyteller, **Linda Gorham** inspires audiences by using movement, humor, and sometimes zaniness as she tells imaginative folktales updated with "attitude." Gorham is a contributor to *Telling Stories to Children*, published by the National Storytelling Network and *Quality Angles*, a book that explores excellence in the workplace. Her CD, *Common Sense and Uncommon Fun*, has won four National Awards including the Parents' Choice. She will present "Multicultural Folktales" on Saturday, **March 12** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room at Peter White Public Library. The event is free.

Gorham will also teach a "Modern Fairytale" Workshop on **March 12, 2011** at **1:00 p.m.** in the Community Room; ages 11+, free. Learn how to reinvent old fairytales to excite and inspire audiences today. Be prepared for the outrageous as the group works together to twist, re-imagine, and modernize old tales for contemporary audiences. There are no limits!

### Designs sought for Art Awards

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center's Fifteenth Annual Arts Awards Ceremony will honor individuals, organizations and businesses that have positively impacted the quality of life in Marquette. The City will commission an artist to produce an award style, and one award for each award category.

Works in all media and disciplines will be considered. The City envisions a 2 or 3-dimensional work that can be personalized for each award winner through a small plaque or inscription. There is no restriction on theme or personal expression. Selection of a design will be made by a jury. Compensation will be discussed when the artist is chosen.

Proposals are due **Thursday, March 17, 2011** at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. Submissions are accepted by mail, email or in person.

The selected artist will be notified of the commission by April 7, 2011. The artist will then be given the arts awards winners in confidentiality. Awards must be completed by May 6, 2011, including inscriptions.

### Art workshop instructors sought

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center would like to invite arts instructors to be involved with the Spring 2011 Workshop series. The workshop series is open to all arts and culture related subjects; it has proven to be a great opportunity for instructors to share their talents and make new contacts.

If interested in becoming an instructor, applications are available at the Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library or at [www.mqtcty.org/arts\\_workshops.html](http://www.mqtcty.org/arts_workshops.html). Applications are due by **Monday, March 14, 2011** and weekly classes will begin the week of **April 18, 2011**. Instructor pay is individualized per hour and applicants will be called to schedule a meeting with the Arts Programming Coordinator to discuss details. Applications should be mailed or delivered to the Arts & Culture Center in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library. For more information or questions, please contact (906) 228-0472 or email [arts-culture@mqtcty.org](mailto:arts-culture@mqtcty.org)