



Marquette Matters

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Lake Street Multi-Use Pathway Prepares for Fall Use

The Lake Street Multi-Use Pathway is complete and ready for public use. This project provides the final link to the City of Marquette’s multi-use path system to the south side of the City and connects the City of Marquette’s path system to the trail system that parallels U.S. 41 to Harvey and Chocolay Township. Funded in part by a Transportation Enhancement grant from the State of Michigan, this pathway provides the needed connectivity for a fully functional, multi-use path network that links neighboring cities and townships. Prior to the path’s construction, residents traveling from one pathway system to another were put in conflict with a narrow paved road along Lake Street and with the heavy traffic volume along U.S. 41.

Parks and Recreation Director Karl Zueger comments, “The project marks completion of a primary goal established in the 2006 Recreation Master Plan. It is an asset that will add to quality of life for our residents, allowing for safe North/South connectivity in an absolutely stunning setting. It is another opportunity for our residents to safely enjoy the beautiful outdoors.”

The final step of the project was restoration, including planting a native plant and wildflower seed mixture, and the placing of amenities, such as benches, bike racks, and trash receptacles.

Right Top: View of the multi-use pathway looking northeast from the Carp River area. A bench, bike rack, and trash receptacle are located just off to the right of the picture overlooking Lake Superior.



Right Bottom: View of the multi-use pathway looking south from the Hampton Street area toward the South Beach entrance. A bench, bike rack, and trash receptacle are located just south of the South Beach entrance.



Bill's Blog...

Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager (pictured right), 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.



It’s been a little over a year since I came home, and I remain deeply humbled and grateful for the chance I’ve been given. Life in Marquette among family and friends is quite different from the one I led in Washington, DC; for anybody following the doom and gloom of national politics, budget discussions, or the economy, it’s not difficult to figure out why I dreamed of coming home. The biggest distinction, and the one that matters the most, is the strong sense of place we enjoy within our community—our shared “Marquette Dream”—and the determined commitment to preserve it.

Over the course of the last year, Marquette has received visits from the President of the United States and the Governor of Michigan, and both have characterized Marquette as a model community. Their views complement tangible results, as well as the admirable cooperation necessary to achieve broad community goals. In comparison to the nation and the state, Marquette appears to enjoy greater unity of purpose, and a pragmatic focus on the future. Even as many in the U.S. believe they are witnessing the “End of Empire and the American Dream,” our city appears to be holding on to its own.

These aren’t the first hard times we’ve faced. America was never about empire.

My mom and dad, and many members of our community, grew up in an era where millions of families lost everything they had except their freedom. Unemployment was more than triple that of today, and our nation endured a long and devastating economic depression. Yet even when challenged during this weakened state, they built planes, tanks, and ships, and defended our right to self-determination. Their sacrifices saved the Free World, and magnanimously rebuilt former enemies. Their goal was to preserve our nation in perpetuity.

Growing up in Marquette during the 1960s and 1970s also had its challenges. The combined shocks of global oil shortages, diminished natural resource industry, and “stagflation” severely impacted our economy. The social impacts were nearly the same as the Depression had been for the generation before. Political challenges abounded, and the world found itself again confronted by global empires that diminished investment in local economies in lieu of Cold War realities. Yet even during these bleak resource years, local commitment remained, and long-standing investments in our community were preserved.

In my view, our community—our “Marquette Dream”—remains as robust as always. It can’t be measured by a quarterly business cycle or annual budget process; it isn’t as transient as a 30-year mortgage. It anticipates both soft and hard economic times, and accommodates exposure to brave new worlds. Marquette is perpetual, and we are committed to keeping it so.

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City Charter Review Working Group

The Charter Review Working Group held meetings on July 20 and 27 and August 3, 2011. The Group elected Robert Kulisheck as Chair, and Thomas Baldini as Vice Chair. The Group reviewed both a Legal Review and an Administrative Review of the current City Charter. At their last meeting the Group made a recommendation to the City Commission that the City Charter undergo a general revision. After receiving the Group's recommendation, at their special meeting of August 4, 2011, the City Commission approved a resolution calling for a general revision of the Charter and the election of a Charter Commission. At their regular meeting of August 8, 2011 the City Commission approved ballot language calling for a general revision of the City Charter and the election of a Charter Commission. The ballot question was subsequently submitted to the County Clerk, and the language has been approved and accepted. On August 4, 2011 the Clerk's Office published a notice that Nominating Petitions would be available for election to the City Charter Commission. The notice also provided a deadline of August 16, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. for filing the nominating petitions. By the filing deadline, thirteen residents filed their nominating petitions to run for the Charter Commission as follows:

Thomas Baldini
Sara A. Cambensy
J. Michael Coyne
M. Cameron Howes
Robert Kulisheck
Cornelia A. Mazzuchi
Thomas Tourville

Robert O. Berube
Martha E. Conley
Martha B. Haynes
Taylor A. Klipp
Lynn R. Laakso
Don Potvin

On August 17, 2011 the City Election Board reviewed the nominating petitions and certified all candidates who filed for the office of Charter Commissioner. The names will all appear on the November 8, 2011 general election ballot. At the election nine commissioners will be elected (from the group of thirteen who filed) as the Charter Commission.

City Committee Openings

Current open City committee positions are listed below. If interested in becoming involved and filling a position, an application form can be found at: www.mqtcty.org/communitynetwork.html. More information can be obtained by contacting Wendy Larson in the City Manager's office via email (wlarson@mqtcty.org) or by phone (906) 225-8104.

Committee Name	Vacancies
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee	Four Vacancies
Marquette Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	One Vacancy
Investment Advisory Board	One Vacancy
Local Officers Compensation Commission	Two Vacancies
Marquette Housing Commission	One Vacancy
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (Marquette Schools)	One Vacancy
Planning Commission	One Vacancy
Police-Fire Pension Board	One Vacancy
Presque Isle Park Advisory Committee	Two Vacancies
Sister City Advisory Committee	Two Vacancies
Peter White Public Library Board	One Vacancy

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City Committee Boot Camp

The City has instituted a new training session for the members of our volunteer authorities, boards and committees called "Committee Boot Camp." The City Manager and City Attorney will be presenting a number of topics during the one-hour session: an overview of City operations; ethics; parliamentary procedures; rules of procedure; filing minutes, and finally, questions and answers. The City is asking these individuals to attend at least one of these sessions during their tenure. The dates/times for the fall include:

September 13; 11:00 a.m.-Noon
October 18; 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
November 29; 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

All sessions will be held in Commission Chambers and are limited to 20 people per session. To reserve your spot (available on a first-come, first-served basis), please contact Wendy Larson in the City Manager's office via email (wlarson@mqtcty.org) or call her at (906) 225-8104.

City Hall Winter Hours Begin

Hours of operation for City Hall offices will change to winter hours on September 6, 2011. Offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Police Department is not affected by this change.

Off-Leash Area Permits Available

Off-leash area permits go on sale on October 1, 2011 at the City Clerk's Office, located within City Hall. The off-leash dog park opens on November 1, 2011. A valid 2011 dog license is required for permit purchase. If the rabies date has expired on the dog license, proof of current rabies vaccination must also be provided. The cost per permit is \$12.00. The cost per permit for non-residents is \$20.00. Please note that permits will not be issued from November 1 - 10 due to the General Election. For more information about the permits, please call (906) 225-8657. For more information about the off-leash dog park, please see page five.

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.

Monday, September 12, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Monday, September 26, 2011 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Tuesday, October 11, 7:00 p.m., Commission Chambers

Monday, October 31, 2011, 7:00 p.m. Commission Chambers

Meetings are televised on City of Marquette Channel 21, and are available on streaming video at www.mqtcty.org.



Renewable Energy: Utilization of Methane Gas

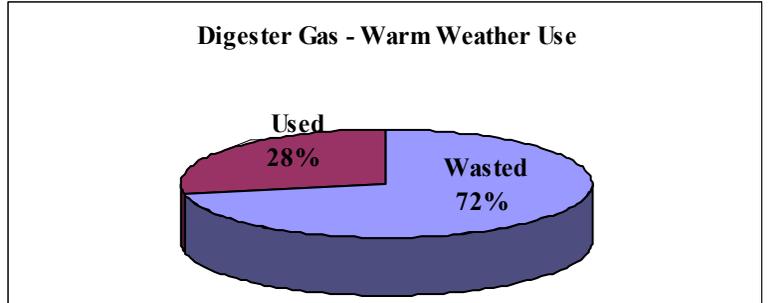
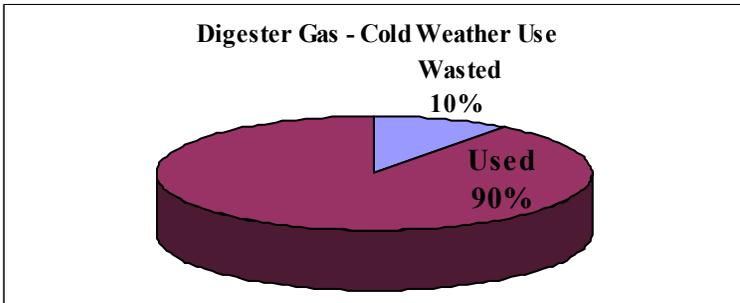
The anaerobic digestion process is used by the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility to biologically reduce and stabilize organic pollutants contained in wastewater sludge. During the course of stabilization, this process significantly reduces pathogens, destroys solids, and reduces odors of the material. Facilitating this process requires temperatures of 100 degrees Fahrenheit, mixing, detention time, and a regulated feed schedule.

Each of the three digester tanks at the Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Facility contains about 400,000 gallons of anaerobic sludge that are operated under these conditions. As a byproduct of this process, digester gas is generated, captured, and used as the primary source of heat to maintain digester temperatures and to heat

the facility during cold weather.

During the summer months, far more digester gas is generated than what is required for use; therefore, the gas is “wasted,” or burned off. Conversely, during the winter months, far more digester gas is used than wasted. This excess gas is burned off in what is known as a Waste Gas Burner. The waste gas burner flares gas nearly constantly during the summer and rarely during winter. Future plans call for the use of any excess methane utilizing micro-turbines to generate electricity.

The pie charts below illustrate the proportions of gas used and wasted during cold and warm weather periods.



Project Updates Within the City of Marquette

The Founders Landing Boardwalk Project - Construction is complete.

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) - Construction is complete with minor restoration remaining.

The Lakeshore Boulevard project (a.k.a. Island Beach Road) was awarded to Hebert Construction at the April 25th City Commission meeting. Construction started on June 23rd. The contractor has made good progress with essentially half the project complete. Currently work is progressing on Phase 3 of the project.

The Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining project was awarded to Insituform Technologies USA, Inc. at the May 9th City Commission meeting. This trenchless technology process will rehabilitate over 10,000 feet of sanitary sewer piping throughout the City of Marquette, and when completed, leaves a pipe that is in the same condition as a new sewer pipe. The contractor started the cleaning and televising part of the process on July 25th. The next phase of slip lining the existing pipe started on August 15th. Residents in these areas will receive notification concerning how to avoid odor issues by checking that their sewer traps are functioning properly.

The Lake Street Multi-Use Path project (Hampton Street to Carp River Bridge) - Construction is complete and pathway is open to the public. Please see page one of this publication for more information.

Detour on Lakeshore Boulevard

Beginning Tuesday, September 6 and continuing through Thursday, October 6, 2011, Lakeshore Boulevard will be narrowed to one lane and detoured at the LS&I train trestle located south of Presque Isle Park. The detour is in effect while the trestle is being painted. The detour will be along a temporary gravel road constructed west of the existing road. Lakeshore Boulevard will be open to north and southbound traffic; however, one-way traffic will be regulated on the detoured one-lane road using traffic signals. The multi-use path will also be detoured west of the existing bike path. The public is asked to be aware of the detour, particularly of the one way traffic on the one-lane road, and is asked to obey the traffic signals that control the one-lane road. Questions regarding this detour can be directed to Jeff Burtch at (906) 228-6873.

The Engineering Department is encouraging anyone who sees activity in the City right of way and there is not an orange permit posted they may contact Greg Borzick or Keith Whittington from the Engineering Department to report.

For those who are having work done in the right of way please post or have your contractor post the orange permit so it can be seen from the street. This will avoid unnecessary stops by City personnel.

Ask the Engineers...

Will my sanitary sewer lateral be replaced under the sanitary sewer lateral replacement program?

This program has been combined with our street improvement and maintenance program to provide an efficient way of replacing these laterals before we mill and overlay the street. Under this program all orangeburg laterals will be replaced up to the right of way line. The lateral located between the right of way line and the home is the responsibility of the property owner to replace. A list of areas that will have streets milled and overlaid and those laterals that may require replacement are located in the “Capital Improvement Plan” on the City of Marquette website.

Laterals in these areas that may be milled and overlaid will be televised a year prior to the construction activities. Every effort is made by the City of Marquette Department of Public Works to make contact with the home owner to televise these laterals.

What should I do before they slip line the sanitary sewer main in front of my home?

All p-traps in your basement should be filled with water to keep out unwanted odors. If you do smell an odor during this process, open your windows to provide air circulation. This should remove or minimize the odor strength.

Project Completion

Within the next two months, the Engineering Department expects the following projects to be completed:

- The Lakeshore Boulevard Project from Peter White Drive to the west end of Lakeshore Blvd. (a.k.a. Island Beach Road)

Current and upcoming City of Marquette construction or maintenance projects can be viewed at the City of Marquette web site at http://www.mqtcty.org/eng_current_proj.html.



Trash to Treasure Day

City of Marquette residents are invited and encouraged to participate in the community-wide “Trash to Treasure Day” on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is the **only** day for this event.

The purpose of the program is to provide a venue for the recycling of reusable household items such as furniture, lamps, electronics, and other working household items. The program is designed to increase awareness about recycling by creating an alternative means of reusing items that would otherwise end up in the landfill.

Guidelines

Residents can place reusable/serviceable items in front of their house on the curb no earlier than 8:00 a.m. Saturday, September 10, 2011 and unclaimed items must be removed from the curb no later than 2:00 p.m. the same day.

Removal of items will be strictly enforced in accordance with Section 22.33 of the City’s Nuisance Ordinance: It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate rubbish or any articles or junk, except as may be necessary for construction work or normal course of a business.

This Public Service Announcement will serve as notice that items

left at the curb will be picked up by the Public Works Department and invoiced to the property owner on a time, material, and disposal fee basis.

College students are encouraged to participate in the treasure hunt; they may find items which will be useful to them in their dormitory or apartment.

Examples of items that can be recycled include lamps, tables, chairs, dishes, etc. Please, no rubbish. Rubbish is defined to mean anything that does not work, is not clean and is not serviceable.

Depositing unwanted items is prohibited.

It is suggested that residents remove lawn ornaments and other wanted items to avoid mistaken identity.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (906) 228-0444.



Fall Yard Waste and Brush Collection

Properties paying the “Garbage/Yard Waste” fee on their monthly utility bills (green bag users) are eligible to dispose of yard waste through this collection. Owners and tenants of properties not paying the fee should contact their regular waste hauler for service. This service is supported by fees, not taxes.

All residents are asked to observe the following rules to provide for a safe, efficient cleanup.

These collections are for brush, leaves, grass clippings and garden debris only. No rubbish is allowed. All collected material will be composted. Material is not to be placed more than one week prior to pickup date.

Pile yard waste on the lawn next to the street edge, **not** in the gutter or on street pavement. Keep yard waste in front of your own property. Do **not** pile on vacant adjacent properties. Motorists are asked to avoid parking in positions that block access to leaf piles.

The brush volume from each property is limited to one pickup load, a pile approximately 12’L x 6’W x 5’H.

Crews will collect loose or bagged leaves October 31 – November 4. Crews will return to the same routes November 7 – November 11 and collect **only bagged leaves**. All debris placed curbside after the first collection date must be bagged. Do not use City green bags for yard waste. Bags containing garbage or other rubbish

mixed with the yard waste will not be collected.

The City will not collect material after the last date listed below for each route. Residents are asked to deliver it to the composting site on Lakeshore Blvd., one block south of Hawley Street. The site is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The site closes for the season on Saturday, Novem-

ber 19 at 4:00 p.m. Any yard waste will be accepted but brush will be limited to one pickup load per day. Proof of residency or garbage fee payment is required for admittance.

The following are dates of the City of Marquette’s **brush and leaf** collection. Crews will collect brush week one, leaves (bagged or loose) week two and leaves (bagged only) week three.

Open burning is not permitted in the City of Marquette. Neighborhood maps are available at www.mqtcty.org. For more information contact the Public Work Department at (906) 228-0444 or visit www.mqtcty.org.

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	
	BRUSH ONLY	LEAVES BAGGED OR LOOSE	LEAVES BAGGED ONLY	<u>NEIGHBORHOOD</u>
Mon. October 24		October 31	November 7	All streets north of Fair Ave.
Tue. October 25		November 1	November 8	East Marquette bounded by and including Front St. on the west, Fair Ave. on the North and Baraga Ave. on the south.
Weds. October 26		November 2	November 9	The area west of Front St. and north of US 41 Bypass bounded by and including Fair Ave. on the north and Seventh St. on the west.
Thurs. October 27		November 3	November 10	All streets south of US 41 bypass.
Fri. October 28		November 4	November 11	The area west of Seventh St. and north of US 41 Bypass bounded by and including Fair Ave. on the north.

Landfill Permits Available

Residential Customers: A new permit for city residential property owners has been available since May 2011. The application fee is \$10 and the permit period is for one week, Monday through Friday. Items such as shingles, tires, and construction debris can be hauled to the landfill. This service is only for City of Marquette property owners.

Commercial Haulers: Permits expire on October 31st. Renewal applications will be

mailed to currently permitted haulers in October. The permit fee is \$65 and the permit period is for one year from November to October. New haulers may be required to also provide a deposit of up to \$1,000 with their application.

Applications may be downloaded from the city’s website www.mqtcty.org or picked up in the City Treasurer’s office.

Winter Parking Ban soon to be in Effect

The Winter Parking Ban takes effect on November 1, 2011. It is illegal to park on City streets or in parking lots between the hours of 1:00 - 6:00 a.m. Anyone failing to remove their vehicle from these locations will be fined. For more information please contact the Marquette City Police Department at (906) 228-0040.

Marquette Senior Center Assists with Health Insurance

The Marquette Senior Center has MMAP (Michigan Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) counselors available to assist seniors (over the age of 60) in our area. MMAP counselors have been trained in health benefits counseling, including Medicare and Medicaid and other insurance products. MMAP counselors are not connected with any insurance company and are not licensed to sell insurance. A MMAP counselor can help citizens:

- Understand Medicare and Medicaid
- Compare and enroll in Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage
- Review you Medicare Supplemental Insurance Needs
- Understand Medicare Health Plans
- Apply for Medicaid or a Medicare Savings Program
- Determine Eligibility for Low Income Subsidy Assistance
- Identify and Report Medicare and Medicaid Fraud, Abuse, or Scams
- Explore Long Term Care Insurance Options

Please contact the Marquette Senior Center at (906) 228-0456 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Marquette Senior Center to Kick-Off Senior Cribbage League

The Marquette Senior Center will begin their Thursday Afternoon Cribbage League on September 29, 2011. If you are a cribbage enthusiast over the age of 50, and are interested in making the 30-week commitment, or if you would like to be placed on the sub-list, please contact the Senior Center at (906) 228-0456.



Tourist Park Off-Leash Area Rules and Regulations

The following regulations pertain to the Tourist Park camping area designated as an Off-Leash Area (OLA) from **November 1, 2011 – May 1, 2012**. For more information about the OLA, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (906) 225-8657.

- No person shall have more than **three** dogs in the OLA at any one time.
- Dogs must have current licenses, shots and no contagious diseases.
- Dog owners must have an OLA permit in their possession while in the OLA, and it must be **displayed** at all times.
- Users must monitor and control their dogs at all times.
- Dogs in season are not allowed.
- Pet treats, food and table scraps are not allowed.
- Users must have a leash with them at all times capable of restraining their dogs.
- Users must clean up after their dogs. Bags and receptacles have been provided.
- Tickets will be issued to those not following the OLA rules.

Fall Fire Prevention Events

The City of Marquette Fire Department will celebrate and acknowledge national Fire Prevention Week, October 9 - 15, 2011. The week's them is "Protect Your Family from Fire." The following events are including in the Fire Department's community outreach:

October 8, 2011: Kick Off Parade and Static Display from 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. on Bluff St. behind Harlow Park. The event will include prizes, Sparky, clowns, cake and soda, and over 20 fire trucks from fire departments throughout Marquette County, as well as a live broadcast from Sunny 101.9 radio station.

All Week Long: Fire Safety House Visit to Elementary schools.

All Week Long: Poster Contest for all Marquette City Schools. Prizes awarded to one winner per grade level and one grand-prize winner per school. Prices include t-shirts, savings bonds, a photo in the *Mining Journal* and a ride to school on a fire truck!

Entire month of October: Fire Station Safety Program and Tours. Call for your appointment today: (906) 225-8936.

Halloween Safety Tips

As Halloween season quickly approaches, the Marquette City Police would like to pass on a few tips to parents about Trick or Treat safety.

City Trick or Treat

Trick or Treating will occur within the City of Marquette on Monday, October 31. The Police Department recommends that children are home by dusk.

Downtown Trick or Treat

The Downtown Marquette and Third Street Village business community is pleased to provide a safe and fun opportunity for children to trick or treat on Saturday, October 29, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Marquette and Third Street Village.



1. **Adult Supervision:** Have adult supervision if you don't think your child is old enough to Trick or Treat on their own.

2. **Stay Outside:** Make sure your kids don't go inside someone's house while Trick or Treating.

3. **Remain Visible:** Dress your kids in a bright costume so others can see them. Have them wear or carry something that glows in the dark or is reflective.

4. **Inspect Candy:** Check your kid's candy before they eat it. Anything that has suspicious packaging or unsealed should be thrown away.

Keeping these tips in mind will help your child enjoy a safe and fun Trick or Treating experience.

Parks and Recreation Updates

Tourist Park Dam Project Update

The Tourist Park Dam project is progressing and the lake is still on schedule to be fully restored by swimming season 2012. People visit the Park daily to watch the restoration activities



and are very excited to see the return of the lake. Many of the visitors grew up with the lake and have fond memories of learning to swim, explore, and develop a love for nature there.

The residents of Marquette are not the only ones that are excited about the return of their old stomping grounds. Reports have been received from local birders that there are now a family of wood ducks (not seen since the flood) and hooded mergansers that have taken up residency in the area. Offspring are now circling the area in search of food and a comfortable spot to settle down. Two male lesser scaup made their debut in early July and the newly created stalking areas have enticed the great blue heron to return as well.

Campers staying at the campground have expressed how excited they are for the return of the lake and swimming beach. Campers will be able to bring their canoes or kayaks to launch at the non-motorized boat launch in the park and can quietly glide through the basin to enjoy the show.

Lakeview Arena Skating Hours

Open Skate (All Ages)

Monday-Friday 1:00 - 2:50 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 1:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Preschool/Parent and Senior Citizens

Monday-Friday 10:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Drop-In Figure Skating

Monday-Friday 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Drop-In Hockey

Monday-Friday 12:00 - 12:50 p.m.

6 and Under Drop-In

Mondays & Fridays 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Friday Night Skating

7:00 - 8:50 p.m. Olson - all ages

Senior Skating

Mondays 7:00 - 7:50 p.m.

Skating Rates:

\$2 - Children (12 & under) \$3 - Adults/Students
\$2 - Seniors (50 & over) \$4 - Drop in Hockey
\$3 - Skate Rentals \$3 - Drop in Figure Skating

Please Note: Schedule may be affected by tournaments and holidays. Please call

(906) 228-0490, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. for more information.



Park Season Closing Dates

The Beaches will close on Monday, September 5, 2011.

Tourist Park Campground will close on Sunday, October 16, 2011. *Park Patrol will continue through the month of September.*

The Marinas will close on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011.

Marquette Delegation and Artist Travels to Japanese Sister City

The City of Marquette's Sister City Committee is excited to announce its 2011 Sister City Delegation to Higashiomi, Japan. This delegation visit supports the long-standing principles of the Sister City Program of cultural understanding and international friendship between Marquette and its Sister City of Higashiomi, Japan. The delegation was selected and began orientation sessions in February 2011 for their October 13-24, 2011 visit and home stays in Japan. They have had monthly meetings that include expectations, information about customs of old and new Japan, some language training, presentations by past delegates and information updates on the Japan disaster in March (Higashiomi is 450 miles from the earthquake-tsunami site). In June the delegate's photos and biographies were sent to Higashiomi and in late July they had been matched with their host families and some have already communicated with them.

The 2011 delegation consists of ten Marquette area citizens and will be led by past delegate, host and advisory committee member, Andrew Bek. The delegation will include Marquette resident Lanni Lantto as Visiting Artist (see article to the right). The group will bring with them greetings and a gift from Mayor Kivela, as well as their Sister Rotary Club of Marquette and Marquette Area Chamber of Commerce. Upon arrival in Japan, the delegation will be welcomed by Mayor Nishizawa and many organizations and citizens that have been planning for their arrival.

It should be noted that while they were relatively unharmed, the citizens of Higashiomi have responded to the Japan disaster by providing food, clothing and other needed items and by sending five volunteers each week (the maximum allowed) to help with disaster area relief. Our delegation will be taking the funds donated by Marquette area citizens to the Marquette County Community Foundation to Higashiomi to provide further assistance.

At the conclusion of the visit, the total number of delegates, host family members, visitors, students, teachers and government officials directly involved in the our "adventure in friendship" will surpass 3,100. Higashiomi and Marquette became Sister Cities in 1978.

Special Performance: "Four Shillings Short"

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is proud to announce a special First Thursday Concert Series performance featuring "Four Shillings Short."

The New Times in San Luis Obispo, CA comments, "...one of the most unique, eclectic and fascinating acts out there." The Celtic/Folk/World music duo (pictured left) play traditional and original music from Ireland and Scotland, Indian Ragas, Folk Ballads, and Old-Time songs. The concert will take place on Thursday, September 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peter White Public Library. For more information, please contact the Arts and Culture Center at (906) 228-0472. Please note the change in date from the regular First Thursday Concert Series.



Local Photographers Featured

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center presents: 'Beyond the Shoulder,' new work by Christine Flavin and Kristine Granger for the month of September in the Lower Level Gallery.

'Beyond the Shoulder' will be on display at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center's Lower Level Gallery from September 1 - 30, 2011. The exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours. The Lower Level Gallery is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library, 217 North Front Street, Marquette.



Above: "Merlin the Herder," by Christine Flavin

October Art Stroll

The October Art Stroll will take place on Thursday, October 6, from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in Downtown Marquette and Third Street Village. This is an evening of art, entertainment and exploration. Shops, restaurants, and galleries will feature local artists, complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages. For more information, visit: www.downtownmarquette.org.

Farmers and Artists Market Continues Through December

The Farmers and Artists Market continues on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Marquette Commons through October 29, 2011. A limited winter market will continue through December 17, 2011. For more information, visit: www.downtownmarquette.org.



Above: "Victorian Shawl" from (re) by Lanni Lantto

Area Artist Featured for Sister City Artist Exchange Program

For one community artist, being chosen to visit Japan with the delegation is more than a vacation; it is an opportunity to increase cultural and international awareness and showcase that within her art.

Lanni Lantto, owner of (re) by Lanni Lantto, is a self-described "environmental and social activist gone fashion designer." Lantto has created a clothing line promoting social and environmental responsibility by "upcycling" pre-existing materials and salvaged fabrics.

Chosen from many other qualified candidates, Lantto is excited to visit Higashiomi. She remarks, "I want to observe, study and learn about their (Japanese community members') clothing: do they swap or hand-down clothing? Do they have and utilize thrift stores? How much does tradition affect their fashion decisions?" Lantto hopes to use her experiences in Japan as research for a potential book detailing different cultures' views on upcycling, as well as be inspired to create influenced appliqué designs.

Applications for Holiday Art Sale Sought

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center warmly welcomes all community members to visit the eleventh annual Holiday Art Sale on November 12, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Holiday Art Sale is a juried event. Artist applications are available at www.mqtcty.org/arts.html or in person at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center. Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2011.

Fall Workshop Schedule Announced

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center invites the Marquette community to participate in their Fall Workshop Series. Beginning the week of September 19, workshops will be offered through the fall in many areas of study.

Visual Arts workshops include: Collage Club, Fused Glass Ornaments, Digital Photography Basics, iPhonography, Drawing from Observation, Cultivating Inner Awareness Through Art and Painting with Fire.

Communication workshops include: New and Not so New to Poetry, Dog Whispering, Beginning Japanese Language, Intermediate Japanese Language and Beginning Spanish Conversational Language.

Movement and Wellness workshops include: Pilates, Belly Dance, Middle Eastern Dance for Body and Soul, Beginning Yoga, Prana Moon Yoga, Morning Hatha Yoga, Evening Hatha Yoga, Yoga for Moms and Kids, Tai Chi Easy, Integral Tai Chi, Tai Chi 24 Form (Taikyokuken), Qi Gong Easy, Master Han's Animal Play Qi Gong, Donna Eden's Energy Medicine Qi Gong and Temple Flowers Tai Chi.

For a complete schedule and class descriptions, please visit www.mqtcty.org/arts.html or visit the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library for a paper schedule. Classes fill up quickly; to register please call (906) 228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqtcty.org.