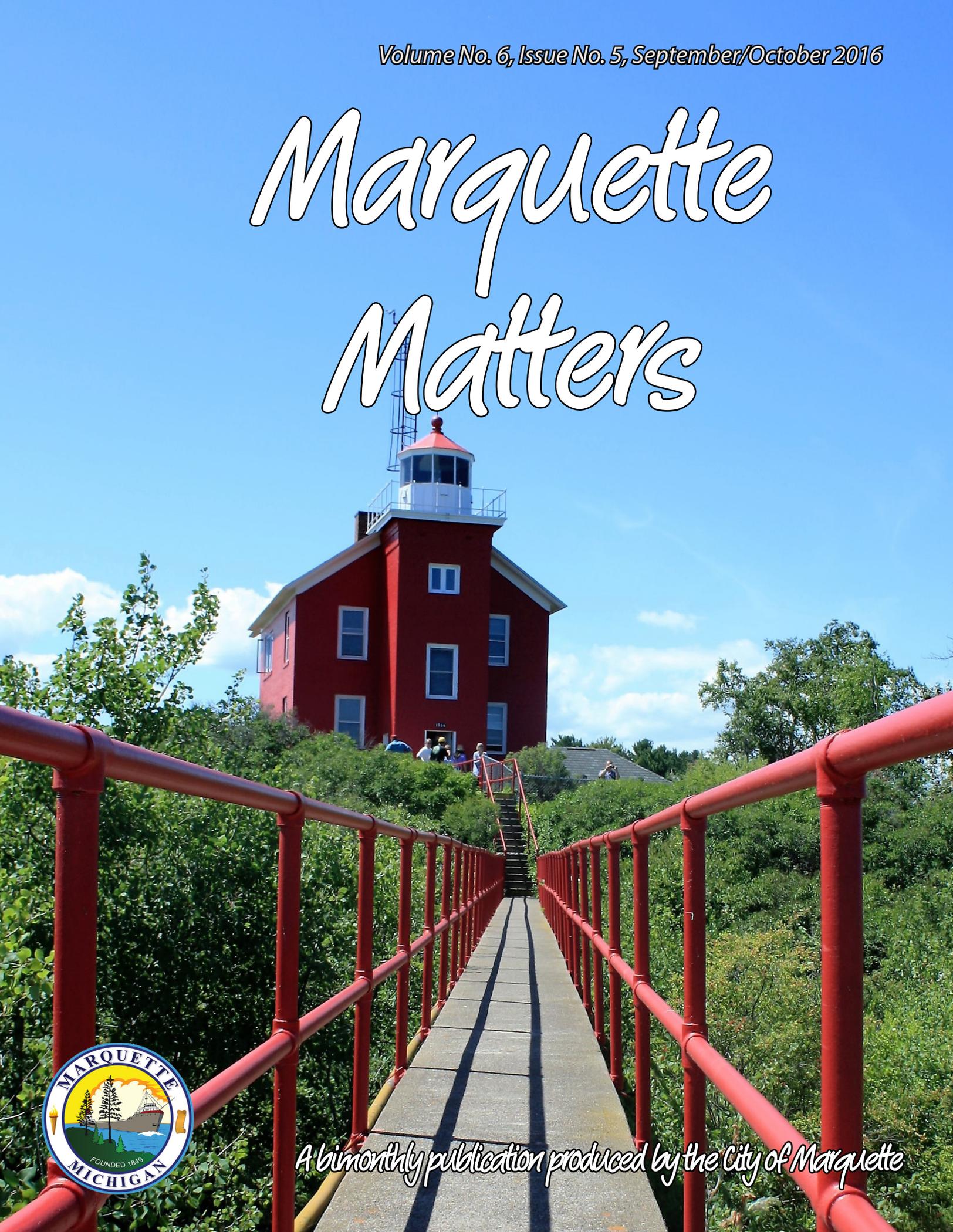


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Message from Mike

In each issue, the Marquette City Manager shares his comments in the form of a column. This issue, City Manager Mike Angeli (pictured right) shares comments on the current state of affairs in the City. City Manager Angeli can be reached at 906-228-0435.



The last time I wrote summer was just beginning and we were all looking forward to warmer weather. Now, summer is almost over and I'm not so sure we're ready for the cold stuff just yet. It certainly appears that the good weather has helped us along with all of our projects. All seem to be moving along just fine with one, Clark Park, completed and open. If you haven't had a chance to see it yet, please stop by. It is quite impressive and my thanks to Michele Butler and the Lambros family for making it a reality.

At the time of this writing we are just finishing up on our annual budget. Our fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30 and the City Commission is set to approve the 2017 budget at its regular meeting on Sept. 12. That said, it was not an easy budget and the 2018 budget is looking even more difficult. People will ask, how can that be so with all that is going on? The simple answer is that revenue is not meeting the expenses of day to day government and, unlike the Federal Government, we are not allowed to go into debt. We must balance.

Not many people realize that over 50% of the properties in the City do not pay property taxes or are not taxable. Much of the new construction falls into this category and the projects that do pay taxes are under a "Brownfield" plan which directs their taxes right back into the construction project in the form of infrastructure. It's all good in that it helps revitalize contaminated or blighted sites and creates a positive long term outlook. However, the short term problem for us is that no revenue goes into our general fund for day to day operations.

All of this is compounded by our rising expenses, much like those incurred by normal homeowners. Utility costs (power, water and sewer) go up for us just like everyone else. Not to mention the ever-rising costs associated with healthcare, retirement and other benefits. The good news (if you can consider it that) is that we are not alone and most municipalities in the state are in the same predicament. Staff will be working hard over the next several months to explore options and keep the City Commission and public informed.

Lighthouse/Coast Guard Property Acquired!

On July 30, the City of Marquette assumed ownership of the Marquette Harbor Lighthouse. Mayor Campana signed the deed to the property in front of several hundred onlookers in a celebration hosted by the Marquette Maritime Museum in honor of the 150th anniversary of the construction of the lighthouse.

This property transfer is the result of over a decade's worth of work and is a historic acquisition for the City's park system. Plans are still being made for the use and enjoyment of the property but residents can rest assured that this iconic City landmark is set to have a bright future going forward.





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City Commission Meetings

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

Regular Meetings:

- Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, 7 p.m.**
- Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016, 7 p.m.**
- Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, 7 p.m.**

Meetings are televised on local (Charter Cable) Channel 191. Additional meetings may be called, and changes may be made in accordance with the City Charter. Notices will be posted for such changes in compliance with Public Act 267 of 1976.

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Interested in serving your community?

The City of Marquette has several openings for various volunteer advisory boards and committees.

Check out the City's website for an application and the most up-to-date vacancy information: www.mqctcy.org/government.php

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee One Opening
- Board of Review One Opening
- Board of Zoning Appeals Four Openings
- Brownfield Redevelopment Authority One Opening
- Harbor Advisory Committee Four Openings
- Investment Advisory Board One Opening
- Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority One Opening
- Local Development Finance Authority Four Openings
- Local Officers Compensation Commission One Opening
- Marquette Area Wastewater Treatment Advisory Board One Alternate Opening
- Peter White Public Library Board One Opening
- Planning Commission Three Openings
- Traffic-Parking Advisory Committee One Opening

Holiday Closure

City offices located at Marquette City Hall, 300 W. Baraga Ave.; the Lakeview Arena, 401 E. Fair Ave.; and the Marquette Arts & Culture Center, 217 N. Front St. (Peter White Public Library) will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 for the Labor Day holiday. The Fire, Police and Public Works and Utilities Departments will remain open and staffed during this time.

Manager Open Office Hours

City Manager Mike Angeli holds community office hours on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10 a.m. until noon in the main floor conference room of the Peter White Public Library. The next community office hours sessions are scheduled for Sept. 14 and Oct. 12.

The meetings are intended to provide informal opportunities to discuss issues within the community, and to give citizens a chance for direct dialogue with City staff about interests and concerns.

Live Streaming Available

Live streaming of all regular City Commission meetings is available! Go to mqctcy.org and click on the Live Stream button on the top of the page to watch the meetings on YouTube.

November General Election

The City Clerk's Office is busy preparing for this year's Presidential Election, scheduled for Nov. 8. In addition to readying the actual polls for Election Day, current preparation includes facilitating voter registration and absentee voting.

Registered voters hoping to vote absentee must first fill out an application and file it with our office. Absentee ballot applications for City residents can be obtained in-person at our office or online at michigan.gov/sos.

Registered voters are eligible to vote absentee if they satisfy one of the following requirements:

- Aged 60 or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expected to be out of town on Election Day
- Unable to attend the polls for religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside your precinct of residence

The deadline to submit absentee ballots is Nov. 4.

Those looking to register to vote in time to cast a ballot in the November Presidential Election have until Oct. 11. Applications for voter registration and additional information can be found at the Secretary of State's office

and online at www.michigan.gov/sos.

As this is a Presidential Election year, it is likely there will be a large turnout at the polls this November. This is the fourth election held in the City during this calendar year and voter turnout for the previous three was 40.5 percent (March), 12.7 percent (May) and 28.4 percent (August). Turnout for last November's general election was 12.28 percent, while turnout for the Midterm Election in November of 2014 was 39.39 percent. By comparison, the turnout at the 2012 Presidential Election was 67 percent.



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Tourist Park Off Leash Area Reopening

The City's off-leash area, located at Tourist Park, is open to the public from Nov. 1 through April 30 each year. The Clerk's Office is encouraging early registration, which will run from Sept. 12 through Oct. 28. There will be no OLA permit sales from Oct. 31 through Nov. 11 because of the November Presidential Election.

Anyone interested in obtaining an OLA permit can pick one up at the City Clerk's Office in City Hall. You must bring your current dog license. If you don't have a current dog license, the Clerk's Office can issue you one upon presentation of an up-to-date rabies vaccination certificate. Dog licenses cost \$16 for one year and \$40 for three years. All licenses expire with the rabies expiration and must be renewed each year unless a three-year license was purchased. Licenses are required by law for all dogs and cats whether or not they leave the house.

Annual fees for the OLA permits remain unchanged from the previous season, City residents will pay \$15 per dog and non-resident fees are set at \$20 per dog.



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Autumn Farmers Market



September and October are busy and bountiful months at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market. Be sure to shop the market regularly to stock up on storage food and gifts as the cooler weather sets in and we look toward the winter months. Honey, pickled and canned foods, maple syrup, frozen meat and jams keep for a long time and will be a welcome addition to your winter kitchen. Preserving at home is a great option as well! Purchase a quantity of your favorite produce and preserve it to use until the Market opens next May.

Of course, there is more than just food at the Market. Select your pumpkins and fall decorations at the market and think ahead for gift-giving! The beautiful and locally produced artisan goods are a thoughtful way to show someone you care about them.

Live music continues each week through Oct. 15.

Programming:

Sept. 3 - Corn Shelling Demonstration, Treasa Sowa from Treasa's Treasures

Sept. 10 - Fennel Cooking Demonstration/Tasting, Sarah Monte, Marquette Food Co-op

Discover Michigan Fresh- Get seasonal recipes and learn how best to safely preserve food.

Sept. 17 - MARESA Seed Saving, Abbey Palmer, MSU Extension

Sept. 24 - Discover Michigan Fresh- Get seasonal recipes and learn how best to safely preserve food.

Oct. 8 - Winter Squash and Leeks Cooking Demonstration/Tasting, Sarah Monte, Marquette Food Co-op

Discover Michigan Fresh - Get seasonal recipes and learn how best to safely preserve food.

Oct. 15 - Annual Apple Pie baking contest

The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is open through Dec. 17. Reminder all WIC Project FRESH and Market FRESH coupons need to be used by the end of October. SNAP benefits will be accepted and Double Up Food Bucks will be distributed through Dec. 17. More information can be found at mqtfarmersmarket.com.



Annual Apple Pie Contest

It's coming! Pie season. A delicious time of the year. Get ready for the Annual Apple Pie contest at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market, Saturday, Oct. 17. Here is how it will work.

Those interested in participating will prepare their pie entry and bring it to the Marquette Commons building between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Once your pie is registered you will leave the building. Judging will begin at 11:00 a.m. When the judges have made their decisions, the contestants may return to the Commons room to taste pies, yum!

Guidelines:

- Amateur bakers only.
- Bring pie ready for judging. No baking space will be available at the Commons.
- Submitted pie is to be the sole work of the entrant, pie must be from scratch (crust and filling).
- All Pies must contain apples and have a crust. It is a pie contest, please do not enter a dessert that is not a pie.
- All parts of the submitted entry must be edible.

- Along with your pie, bring a copy of the recipe and a serving utensil.
- Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.
- The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market is not responsible for any items left behind at the end of the event.



Baraga Avenue Harvest Festival Celebrates Autumn in Marquette

In celebration of fall and its bountiful beauty, the Baraga Avenue Harvest Festival is planned for Saturday, Oct. 8 from 3-8 p.m. This family friendly event is sure to have something for everyone and features local foods, live music, a pasty eating contest, children's activities, a live petting zoo, several amusement rides and much more!

Once again this year, the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum will host their Paint Baraga Avenue Chalk Painting Competition. Mark your calendars for this fun-filled event and watch the Downtown Marquette event page on Facebook for additional details and attractions.



Images provided by the DDA

DDA Trials New Parking Meter Technology

The Marquette DDA is working with IPS Group to test smart meters in the City's downtown district. The test meters are located at mid-block on the north side of the 200 block of West Baraga Avenue, the south side of the 100 block of West Main Street and the Commons Lot located in the 200 block of West Washington Street. For added convenience, the new meters accept coins and credit cards.

A pay-by-plate station is also being tested in the lower level of the Bluff Street Parking Ramp. The station will still permit two hours of free parking but allow for users to purchase additional time to park. After a trial period of two months, the meters will be evaluated and, if successful, all meters will be replaced with the new meter system. Future plans to further parking customer convenience include adding a "pay by phone" feature. The new meters will replace the current meters which are circa 1950 equipment.

The meter installation is part of the comprehensive parking management strategy that is a result of the 2013 Downtown

Parking Study and parking management plan. All parking meter revenue is reinvested in the downtown district parking and sidewalk maintenance.

The DDA is soliciting feedback from the community and invites users to complete an online survey regarding the new parking meters' and pay station's ease of use. The survey, along with instructional videos on parking meter and pay station operations, can be found at: downtownmarquette.org/marquette-dda-trials-new-parking-meter-technology/. For questions or comments, email parking@downtownmarquette.org or call the DDA office at 906-228-9475.

A guide to the new parking meters can be found on the back cover of this issue.

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center (MACC) is located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 N. Front St. in Marquette. For more information or questions on any of the articles on this page or the following, please call 906-228-0472 or email



arts-culture@mqctcy.org.

Upcoming Gallery Exhibits: September

LSAA Greg Green
SmallWorks Niikah and Aleutian Hatfield

October

LSAA Tracy Wascom
SmallWorks Halloween Spectacle

Dimensional Peyote Beaded Ring with Diane Kribs-Mays

Two-Day Course
Sept. 6 & 8, 6-8 p.m.

\$35 Registration Fee, Supplies Included

Register by calling 906-228-0472



Alcohol Inks with JoAnn Shelby

Monday, Sept. 19, 1-5 p.m.

\$40 Registration Fee, Supplies Included

Register by calling 906-228-6027 or emailing joann_shelby@hotmail.com.

More is MORE! with Kathleen Mooney

Three-Day Course,

Sept. 26-28, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

\$300 Registration Fee, \$15 Material Fee,

\$100 deposit required at time of registration

To register or for more information contact Michele Tuccini at 906-250-7364 or mtuccini@chartermi.net

September Exhibits: Greg Green, Niikah and Aleutian Hatfield



The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its September LSAA Gallery exhibition by painter, Greg Green. Born in 1961, Greg spent his school years painting and drawing in the suburbs of Grand Rapids. After receiving his Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Minnesota, he went on to receive local and national attention for his large scale works. In 1993, he and his wife, Kim, moved to the Upper Peninsula to build a small off-the-grid cabin on the shores of Lake Superior. After many years of teaching art history courses at Finlandia University, Greg has retired and refocused on his own artwork.

The September SmallWorks Gallery will feature artwork created by two siblings, Niikah and Aleutian Hatfield. Niikah is an 18 year old U.P. native who has explored many forms of art over the years. Currently a student at Northern Michigan University, she is continuing her work as an artist on the side. Much of her inspiration comes from the natural beauty of cultures, though she also enjoys "practical art." Drawing, painting and leather crafting are

just some of the forms of expression she delves into. Her younger brother Aleutian, just 15 years-old, is a homeschooled farm kid from Seeds and Spores. He found his passion for creating metal sculptures when the farm got a welder to fix and build farm equipment. For practice, he started welding old iron from around the farm and, as it happened, people called the stuff art.

Both exhibits will be running from Aug. 30 - Sept. 30, with an opening artist reception on Thursday, Sept. 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be provided.



Halloween Spectacle Open Call to Performers and Volunteer Information Night

Sept. 14, 6-9 p.m. at Queen City Arts – 131 E. Michigan Street, Marquette

This is a call to musicians, actors, puppeteers, makeup artists and more! Bring your acts and talents to Queen City Arts on Sept. 14 to become a part of the 2016 Halloween Spectacle in Marquette!

Save the Date – Halloween Spectacle – Saturday, Oct. 29



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Senior Arts Series – Visual Arts

The City of Marquette would like to announce the upcoming schedule for their Senior Arts Series. Classes are open to individuals ages 60+ and cater to a wide variety of skill levels. Participation is FREE to City of Marquette residents but non-residents are welcome to attend for a small donation of \$5 per class to help cover the cost of supplies and instruction.

Classes are typically offered on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1-3 p.m. and take place at the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center. All supplies are included, but interested parties must pre-register by contacting the Senior Center at 906-228-0456.

September and October Class Offerings

Sept. 6 & 20 – Zentangle with G. G. Gordon

Oct. 4 & 18 – Halloween Theme Origami with Judy Sarosik

16th Annual Holiday Art Sale

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center is proud to announce the 2016 Holiday Art Sale, held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. This sale will take place at the MACC, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 North Front Street in Marquette. The sale will stretch through all of the MACC's three workshop spaces and into the Community Room.

There will be over 30 artists exhibiting their work for the sale in a variety of the following medium: wood, glass, metal, fibers/wearable art, painting, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, photography, and Christmas décor. A complete list of artists featured will be released near the end of September.

For more information or questions, please call 906-228-0472 or email arts-culture@mqctcy.org.

Cinder Pond Marina Art Exhibit

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces an exhibit by photographer Paul Rose at the Cinder Pond Marina in Marquette. Paul's exhibited works reflect the nature and landscape of the Upper Peninsula in both color and black and white photo images. Paul will be the featured artist through the summer of 2016.

Paul received a BFA in photography from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. Upon graduation, Paul went on to study with acclaimed photographers Ansel Adams, Robert Vignelli and Steve Benson. Paul continues his passion for art through his photographic artistry.

Currently, Paul divides his residence between the Upper Peninsula and New Mexico. His award winning work is on display in galleries across the southwest and Michigan.

The Cinder Pond Marina is located adjacent to Mattson Park at 260 S. Lakeshore Boulevard. The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. For more information or questions, please call the Arts & Culture Center at 906-228-0472 or email: arts-culture@mqctcy.org.

Community Development Update

The Community Development Department has led a number of projects during 2016, some of which are still underway, to address future land use and efforts to make the community more sustainable.

These projects include:

Update to the City Economic Development Plan

As a critical component of community planning, the City hired Place Dynamics, LLC to assist with the update of the City Economic Development Plan (EDP). The City Charter requires this plan to be reviewed and updated every two years and is done with respect to the Community Master Plan. As part of the update process, the consultant has conducted a comprehensive Community Economic Development Assessment and interviews with local businesses and key stakeholders. It is anticipated that the draft EDP will be available for public review in September.

Duke Life Point New Hospital Transportation Project

The City continues to work towards the construction of an access point from US-41/M-28 to the new hospital, as well as local street and infrastructure improvements, with assistance from DLZ Michigan (DLZ), a transportation planning and design consulting firm.

As a result of a community-driven planning process, a multiple roundabout option was selected as the preferred alternative. An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for this alternative and was supported again through the public hearings on the project. The next step in the process is to receive final approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration for the EA. It is anticipated that approval will be done by the end of September.

Once the EA is approved, the City and DLZ will be moving forward with the design and property acquisition phase of the project, with the intent to begin construction in the summer of 2017.

Lakeshore Boulevard Erosion Control and Relocation Project

The Community Development Director worked with the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to acquire funding under the Section 14 Emergency Streambank and Shoreline Protection Program to study the erosion along Lakeshore Boulevard.

The study will provide the City with a recommendation for the erosion problem should funding become available

through USACE. There is a concern the study may ask the City to implement a less robust solution than what was designed under the Lakeshore Boulevard Relocation Project, however the Director will work hard to maintain the integrity of the design that was chosen by the community.

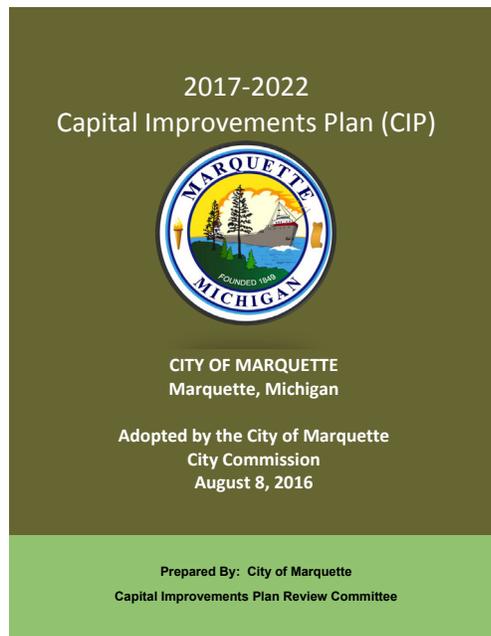
Capital Improvements Plan

The City Engineer led a comprehensive overhaul of the City of Marquette's Six Year Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).

The CIP is a six-year schedule of public physical improvements that identifies the needs for major public infrastructure improvements and the sources of funding to make those improvements. It provides a schedule of expenditures for constructing, maintaining, upgrading and/or replacing a community's physical inventory. The CIP, therefore, is a tool to assess the long-term capital project requirements (the "big jobs") of the City.

Since capital improvement projects are spread across multiple community needs (streets, sidewalks/pathways, water and sewer, fire protection, police, parks and recreation, municipal administration, etc.), the CIP prioritizes these projects across the entire community. This provides an "apples to apples" comparison of the community's various needs and wants.

This plan was created with input from City staff, various boards and committees and the public. Copies are available for the public to view at the NMU Lydia M. Olson Library, Peter White Public Library, City Engineer's Office and the City Manager's Office. The plan can also be found on the City website at: <http://mqtcty.org/Departments/Community/2017-2022CIP.pdf> (Warning: 225 MB file).



24th Annual Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off Parade

The Marquette City Fire Department would like to announce the 24th Annual Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off Parade.

This year's event will focus on a static display of apparatus from various departments throughout Marquette County and will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8. The display will be located on Bluff Street, directly behind Harlow Park.

Fire trucks, rescue vehicles and Sparky the Fire Dog will showcase the event and bicycles will be given away too. Refreshments will be available and the street will be blocked off to provide a safe environment for all attending.

The vehicles will remain at the park until approximately 12:30 p.m. At that time, they will assume their order for the exit parade. The parade will proceed west on Washington Street and will continue through to US 41.

Please help us promote fire safety and prevention during the 24th Annual Fire Prevention Week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Don't Wait — Check the Date!

Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years



Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 9-15, 2016

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms.
Check the manufacture dates on your smoke alarms today!

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Remove the smoke alarm from the wall or ceiling.





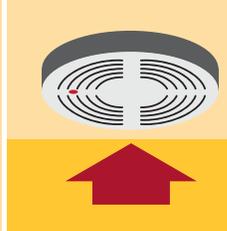
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Look at the back of the alarm for the date of manufacture.

3

Smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years from the date of manufacture.





4

Put the alarm back on the ceiling or wall if it is less than 10 years old.



A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.



Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.

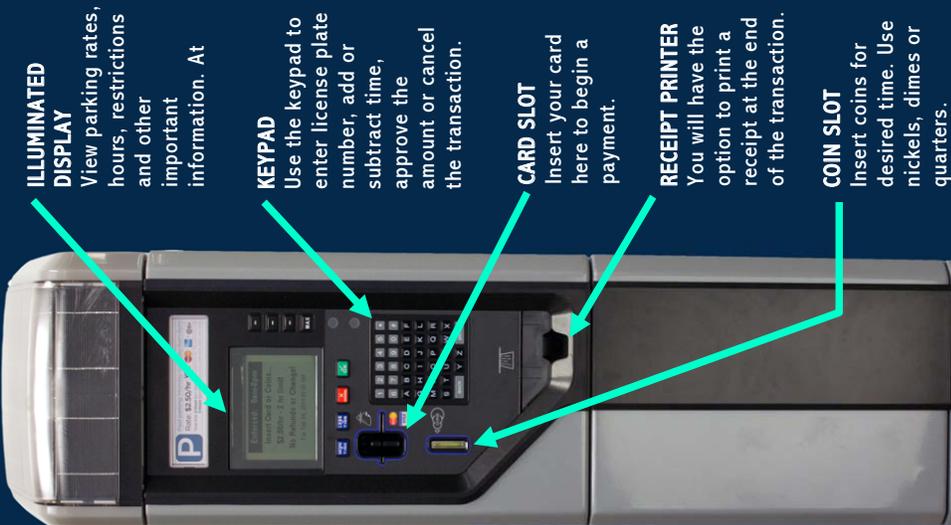


Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, make sure all smoke alarms are interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.

MULTI-SPACE PAY STATIONS



ILLUMINATED DISPLAY

View parking rates, hours, restrictions and other important information. At night, the display will illuminate.

KEYPAD

Use the keypad to enter license plate number, add or subtract time, approve the amount or cancel the transaction.

CARD SLOT

Insert your card here to begin a payment.

RECEIPT PRINTER

You will have the option to print a receipt at the end of the transaction.

COIN SLOT

Insert coins for desired time. Use nickels, dimes or quarters.

If you prefer, use your cell phone's QR reader to watch a demonstration video:



For more information on the new parking meters, please see page 7 of this issue.

FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:



Look at the display and find parking rates, hours, time limits and other important information. If it is dark, press any button to light the display.



If paying with coins, insert them into the coin slot for the amount of time you desire. Quarters, dimes and nickels are accepted.



If paying with credit card or credit card branded debit card, insert and remove card. The smart meters and pay stations accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.



If using a pay station, please enter license plate number when prompted.



Select the desired amount of time. The cost is displayed underneath. The minimum charge for credit and debit cards is \$1.00.



Press the green button to confirm your payment or red button to cancel your transaction. After 35 seconds, the meter/pay station will authorize the payment shown on the screen if neither button is pressed.



Wait for authorization of the card. If using a multi-space pay station, wait for printing of receipt if desired.

SMART METERS

ILLUMINATED DISPLAY
View parking rates, hours, restrictions and other important information. At night, press any button to illuminate display.

KEYPAD

Use the keypad to add or subtract time, approve the amount or cancel the transaction.

CARD SLOT

Insert your card here to begin a payment.

COIN SLOT

Insert coins for desired time. Use nickels, dimes or quarters.



*Please note that the time purchased at the meter corresponds only to the adjoining parking spot. The time purchased is not transferable.

If you prefer, use your cell phone's QR reader to watch a demonstration video:



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