

# DOWNTOWN MARQUETTE BUILDING BLOCKS

# September 2019



## MDDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE SEPTEMBER 30

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

*Mona Lang*

RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 • 4-7 PM  
CASA CALABRIA, 1106 NORTH THIRD STREET  
DOWNTOWN MARQUETTE, MI

AFTER MORE THAN 20 YEARS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARQUETTE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, MONA IS RETIRING. JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF REFRESHMENTS, REMINISCING, AND RAPPORT AS WE CELEBRATE HER LASTING LEGACY.

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority's Executive Director, Mona Lang, will retire September 30, 2019, after more than 20 years in her role. In her letter to the board earlier this year, Lang stated, "It has been both my privilege and my pleasure to serve as the organization's Executive Director and it is with mixed emotions that I step down from my role. The time that I have spent leading the organization has been rewarding and I trust that I have had a positive impact on the Downtown, the City, and the region. I have had the honor to work with many wonderful people and appreciate the support that the Board of Directors has afforded me during my tenure." We hope you can join us on Thursday, September 12 from 4-7 p.m. at the Casa Calabria to celebrate Mona's retirement.

Thank you, Mona, for your dedication and leadership. We wish you the best of luck in retirement!

## SAVE THE DATE

- 9/3-9/8 Marquette Craft Beer Week
- 9/7 UP Fall Beer Festival
- 9/12 Mona Lang's Retirement Open House
- 9/15 UPAWS Strut Your Mutt
- 9/19 Music on Third Street
- 9/20 NMU Homecoming Parade

## DOWNTOWN MARQUETTE FARMERS MARKET: SEPTEMBER

See you in September at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market! Shop at the Wednesday Evening Market, open through September 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., and the Saturday Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., open through December 14. September is the time of year to enjoy the full harvest of summer. There is still plenty of warm weather produce; sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers to name a few. As the weeks pass, more fall food will be abundant; squash of every color, shape and size, root vegetables and much more! Many of the varieties of vegetables are uniquely available at the market, transported just a short distance from the Upper Peninsula growing fields to the market table. (The Farmers Market is also the place to purchase seasonal decorations and one-of-a-kind, unique gifts.) Saturday, September 7 will feature a special tomato tasting. This is a great opportunity to experience the many flavors of tomatoes that are available at the market. Shop each week to check out what's new or visit the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market website <https://mqtfarmersmarket.com/> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/downtownmqtfarmersmarket/> for weekly updates. Live music is at both the Wednesday and Saturday markets. The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Market FRESH, SNAP and distributes Double Up Food Bucks and Hoophouses for Health cards.



## MUSIC ON THIRD WRAPS UP

The popular Music on Third summer series will conclude on Thursday, September 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., bringing a close to a summer of music along North Third Street in Downtown Marquette. A big thank you to all of the musicians who have participated in this event, those who have come out to enjoy their musical talents, and the Third



Music on Third

Street businesses who have graciously provided performance space! Music on Third will return next year for the summer of 2020. We hope to see you then! Thank you to Travel Marquette for supporting the 2019 season.

## BREWING HISTORY AT THE MARQUETTE REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER



This year the Marquette Regional History Center (MRHC) is adding a historical dimension to Marquette Craft Beer Week. Brewing History, on Wednesday, September 4 from 7-9 p.m. is a \$35/ticket fundraiser to support the History Center. Be among the first to try beers from the Upper Peninsula Brewing Company, meet the brewer and discuss his plans to open a new brewery in Negaunee. Enjoy images of bars and breweries from the Upper Peninsula's past, meet some of the region's top experts on brewing and nightlife history, and get a first taste of some of Marquette County's newest beers. Call (906) 226-3571, visit the History Center at 145 W. Spring Street, or go online to [www.marquettethehistory.org](http://www.marquettethehistory.org) to get your tickets to this unforgettable evening of beer and history. Sponsored by Iron Bay Restaurant.

## UPAWS STRUT YOUR MUTT FUNDRAISER

Join the Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter (UPAWS) for the biggest dog party of the year! The 14th Annual "Strut Your Mutt" Charity Walk will be held at Mattson Lower Harbor Park on Sunday, September 15th with registration beginning at 10 a.m. and the 1.5 mile "strut" starting at 11 a.m. Don't miss the chance to have a ball and make a difference for UPAWS homeless pets. Visit <https://upaws.org/strut-your-mutt-2019/> for additional information.

## MARQUETTE CRAFT BEER WEEK: SEPTEMBER 3-8

Marquette Craft Beer Week, held September 3-8, is six whole days tapped full of festivities, culminating in the Michigan Brewers Guild's U.P. Fall Beer Festival. From in-store tastings and tap takeovers to behind-the-scenes tours and meet the brewer events, you don't want to miss out on a chance to share beers from the best breweries Marquette and Michigan have to offer. For a listing of the participating breweries, visit <https://mqtcraftbeerweek.com/>.



## WELCOME BACK NMU!



Welcome back NMU students and faculty! As NMU's fall semester gets underway, we look forward to the collegiate activities that kick off a new school year. Study hard, have fun, and make it a great semester.

## NMU TO CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

This year, the homecoming parade will take place on Friday, September 20. Beginning at 5:30 p.m. the parade will begin traveling on Fair Avenue, take a left onto Third Street, turn left at Hewitt Avenue, and return on Front Street. The NMU Football game on Saturday, September 21 at 1 p.m., will be the grand finale of Homecoming week featuring a performance from the marching band. Downtown Marquette businesses are reminded to post your hospitality signs welcoming NMU students, families, friends, and alumni to Downtown Marquette.

## 11TH ANNUAL UP FALL BEER FESTIVAL



More than 80 Michigan craft breweries will be serving up over 600 beers on Saturday, September 7, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Michigan Brewers Guild's 11th annual U.P. Fall Beer Festival at the scenic Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Tickets are available online now at <https://www.mibeer.com/> and are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the gate, if any remain available.

## MDDA GOES ON HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Thank you, Jim Koski, for giving the Marquette DDA staff and board members a special historic walking tour of Downtown Marquette, focusing on parking lots and the buildings that used to occupy those spaces. A great deal of information was learned about Marquette's past.



## WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

### Bloom Counseling & Wellness

205 S. Front St.  
(906) 428-6141

<https://www.bloommq.com/>

### Rotations Deli

113 S. Third St.  
(906) 273-0639

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Sandwich-Shop/Rotations-Deli-469280900527932/>

### Superior Aesthetics

611 N. Third St.  
(906) 225-7126

<https://superioraesthetics.org/>

### Superior Wealth Management

220 W. Washington St. Suite 430  
(906) 273-1855

<https://superiorwealthmanagement.com/contact>

### Willow Salon & Spa

130 W. Washington St.  
(906) 250-9208

<https://www.facebook.com/willowsalonandspaMQT>

## MDDA SEEKS PART TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER

The Marquette Downtown Development Authority currently seeks a part-time maintenance worker, 25-30 hours per week. Must be willing to work a flexible schedule, including weekends. For information on how to apply, visit <https://downtownmarquette.org/mdda-seeks-part-time-maintenance-worker/>.

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