



**Classic Cars on Third Raises Funds for Women's Center**

The Classic Cars on Third car show was held on Saturday, August 19, on North Third Street in Downtown Marquette. The event took place between Park Street and Ohio Street, and had more than 160 entrants, from Model-Ts to Rat Rods and other custom creations. The event was put together as a collaboration between the Marquette DDA and Bill and Tammy Dupras, owners of the Third Base Bar. The Dupras approached the DDA with the idea for the event, in remembrance of their daughter, Jessica Drummond, a victim of domestic violence. The Dupras wanted to hold this event as a fundraiser for the Women's Center. The Marquette DDA agreed to assist in putting on this event in conjunction with the Dupras, as they hold extensive knowledge about car shows. "The event was a great success," said Bill Dupras, owner of the Third Base Bar, "We couldn't be happier with the turn-out." Through the tireless fundraising efforts of the Dupras, along with entry fees and other sales, the Classic Cars on Third car show was able to raise \$13,029.54 for the Women's Center, in addition to \$4,000 donated directly to the Women's Center in remembrance of Jessica Drummond.

On Wednesday, August 30, the Marquette Downtown Development Authority, along with the Bill and Tammy Dupras, presented a \$13,029.54 check to the Women's Center from the proceeds of the Classic Cars on Third car show. Pictured, from left to right, is Michelle Fortunato, Sexual Assault Program Coordinator, Darcie Forslund, Sexual Assault Advocate; Alisha Young, Program Director; Sherrie Youngren, Resource Advocate; Bill Dupras and Tammy Dupras, Third Base Bar owners; Bob Knaus, Finance Manager; Mona Lang, Marquette DDA Executive Director; Tara Laase-McKinney, Marquette DDA Promotions and Events Coordinator; and Beth Cassidy, Women's Center Executive Director.



Classic Cars on Third car show



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**Marquette Marathon**

The Marquette Marathon race day is Saturday, September 2, with the full marathon, half marathon, and 5K ending on Third Street. The finish line will be at the intersection of Third and Michigan Streets. Fair Avenue (from Pine to Third Street) and Third Street (from Fair Avenue to Michigan Street), will be officially closed down at 5 a.m. and will re-open at 2:30 p.m. Michigan Street, between Third and Front Streets, will continue to be closed off until 4 p.m. for post-race festivities.

To support the race finish, the DDA will sponsor three live musicians along Third Street from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. (weather permitting). Chris Valenti will perform outside Valle's Village Market, Troy Graham at Stang Family Eyecare, and Derrell Syria beside the Third Base Bar.

For shopping convenience at Third Street businesses, Marquette City Police will be available to allow vehicles to cross Third Street at Magnetic Street during the race, however, priority will be given to runners on the course. There will be parking along Second Street, and along all access streets to the east and west of Third Street. Most every business along Third Street will be accessible with only a short walk for customers.

The race is an exciting opportunity for the local businesses on Third Street to be front and center to 1,000+ runners, 250+ volunteers, 3,000+ family members, and countless community spectators in one day alone. It is a great community-building event that not only promotes healthy living for all

ages, but also showcases the beautiful city of Marquette and boosts our local economy!



**North Front Street to Undergo Streetscape Improvements**



North Front Street

The 100 and 200 blocks of North Front Street will undergo streetscape improvements beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2017. Similar to last summer's South Front Street sidewalk improvements, the project includes removal of the brick pavers, which will be replaced with a combination of plain and stamped colored concrete, repair and replacement of deteriorated curbing, addition of street trees, and installation of electrical outlets in the tree guards. Traffic shifts will be necessary to accommodate the project; however, access to North Front Street businesses will remain open during the project duration. Premeau Construction Company is the contractor for the \$200,000 project, which is funded by the Marquette Downtown Development Authority. The project is expected to be completed by the end of October. Additional details will be shared as they become available.

**NMU Homecoming NMU Hospitality Event**

Friday & Saturday  
September 22 & 23

Saturday, September 23  
7-11 p.m., Marquette Commons

Parade on Third Street  
(between Fair & Hewitt Avenues)  
Friday, September 22, 5:30 p.m.

For information & tickets:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nmu-hospitality-gala-tickets-35222053109>

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## Music on Third Wraps Up Summer Series

The popular Music on Third series will wrap up on Thursday, September 21, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., bringing to a close a summer of music along North Third Street in Marquette's Downtown District. Thank you to all of the musicians who have participated in this event, those who have come out to enjoy their



musical stylings and the Third Street businesses who have graciously provided performance space!

## Marquette Craft Beer Week



Marquette Craft Beer Week, held September 5-10, 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 list of participating breweries visit <https://www.mqtcraftbeerweek.com/>.

## U.P. Fall Beer Festival

A record number 92 Michigan craft breweries will be serving up more than 588 beers on Saturday, September 9, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Michigan Brewers Guild's 9th Annual U.P. Fall Beer Festival at Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Tickets are available online now at <http://www.mibeer.com/up-fall-festival> and are \$40 in advance (and \$45 at the gate, if any remain available). Admission includes 15 tasting tokens, each good for a three-ounce sample. Additional tokens are 50-cents each. In addition to online tickets, a handful of outlets around Marquette also have tickets for sale, including Blackrocks Brewery, Marquette Food Co-Op, Ore Dock Brewing Co. and The Vierling Restaurant and Marquette Harbor Brewery.



## September at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market

See you in September at the Downtown Marquette Farmers Market. Actually, we hope to see you on Saturdays, through December 16, at the Marquette Commons between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.



September is the time of the year to enjoy the harvest of summer and to prepare for winter. There is still plenty of the warm weather produce: sweet corn, melons, tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers; as the weeks pass, more of the fall food comes into season. Squash of every color, shape and size and root vegetables will be abundant, including

parsnips, turnips, beets, carrots, rutabagas, and radishes. Many of the varieties of vegetables, their colors and shapes are uniquely available at the market and are transported just a short distance from the growing field to the market selling table. The Farmers Market is the place to purchase seasonal decorations and find one-of-a-kind gifts as well as food. September will be busy at the market, with cooking demonstrations featuring market available food and other programs highlighting historic and current farming tools and processes. Shop each week to check out what is happening or visit the market website, <http://mqffarmersmarket.com/>, or Facebook page, [facebook.com/downtownmarquettefarmersartistsmarket/](https://www.facebook.com/downtownmarquettefarmersartistsmarket/), for weekly updates. Live music is available weekly from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Downtown Marquette Farmers Market accepts cash, credit/debit cards, WIC Project FRESH, Senior Market FRESH, SNAP and distributes Double Up Food Bucks.

## Phil Niemisto Statue: A Work in Progress



The DDA continues community fundraising efforts to install a life-sized statue of downtown icon, Phil Niemisto, in the Washington Street Pocket Park that bears his name. The statue will provide the community with an accessible piece of public art that can be freely appreciated and experienced by all. The plan is for the likeness of Phil sitting on a bench in his park offering an interactive opportunity for people to sit beside him.

Local artist Earl Senchuk has begun sculpting Phil's likeness using a combination of concrete and steel. The process, according to Senchuk, begins with a framework of steel welded into the size and shape of Phil's skeleton sitting on the bench. Phil's face and hands will be made from a direct molding and cast in Permastone. Senchuk jokingly stated that capturing the man is much more difficult than capturing his likeness, "Phil rarely sits down long enough to measure him so capturing Phil's likeness is no easy task."

According to DDA Executive Director, Mona Lang, as of August 25th, \$6,100 of the \$10,000 budget needed for the project has been raised. The budget includes \$8,000 for the statue and an additional \$2,000 for an interpretive sign and landscape. Lang noted that the support from the community has been great with over 80 people already contributing to the project. In addition, several businesses have conducted in house fund raisers including Hot Plate Pottery and Art Studio and Ore Dock Brewery. The Delft Bistro will host a fund raiser on September 17 from 3-5 p.m. (see inset at right). Tickets are \$10 with all proceeds going to the project.

The goal is to have the statue installed in October 2017 to celebrate Phil's birthday. Lang stated that "this piece will be a gift from our community to honor a common man and to remind us that we all make a difference in our community." Those wishing to contribute can send a check to the Marquette DDA, 203 S. Front Street, Suite 1-B, with "Phil's Fund" in the memo.

**FUNDRAISER**  
**PHIL'S POCKET PARK STATUE**

September 17th, 2017  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

The Delft Bistro • Tickets- \$10  
Tickets can be purchased at The Delft, Donckers, or at the door

Appetizers  
Cash Bar  
Silent Auction  
Featuring Phil's Favorite Film

Support a local legend!  
All proceeds will be donated to the construction of Phil's statue in the Pocket Park.



## Marquette Area Blues Fest

The 14th annual Marquette Area Blues Fest, September 1-3, features three days of world class blues on the shores of Lake Superior in Mattson Lower Harbor Park. Once again, the festival will kick off with a free concert on Friday night as a thank you to all of the support from the community. In addition to great blues music throughout the weekend, there

will be a wide array of delicious foods, arts and crafts, interactive artist workshops, blues merchandise, and a fully stocked beverage tent with a great selection of local craft brews and wines. The festival will take place rain or shine. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcomed for festival seating, but no carry-ins will be allowed. For more ticket, lodging, and general information, check out the website at [www.marquetteareabluesociety.com](http://www.marquetteareabluesociety.com).

### Comments and Suggestions Welcome

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