



# Main Street Calumet News

Winter 2011

*Economic Revitalization Through Historic Restoration*

## Main Street Calumet Business Members:

Ace Hardware  
AmericInn of Calumet  
Antenna Center  
Bucko's Party Store  
Calumet Mercantile  
Copper World  
Copper Country Associated Artists  
Cross Country Sports  
Daily Mining Gazette  
Dr. Sally Orr DDS  
Fifth & Elm Coffeehouse  
Flood Construction, Inc.  
Gundlach Champion, Inc.  
Herman Jewelers  
Jim's Pizza & Family Restaurant  
Michael A. Lahti Properties  
L&L Bar  
Louie's Super 2 Foods  
Northern Consultants  
Parkway Motors, Inc.  
RE/MAX Douglass Real Estate  
River Valley Bank  
Rowe Furniture & Flooring  
The Leveque Agency  
Trail Creek Motors

## Upcoming Events

- Keweenaw National Historical Park - Calumet Visitor Center Grand Opening October 24 - 29, 2011 (special retail event)
- Christmas in Calumet December 3 - 24, 2011
- CopperDog 150 & Weight Pull March 2 - 4, 2012
- Great Bear Chase March 10, 2012
- PastyFest 2012 June 29 & 30, 2012
- International (Guts) Frisbee Tournament July 6-8, 2012
- Heritage Celebration 2012 August 13 - 18, 2012
- Great Deer Chase August 18, 2012

# National Park Service Opens Calumet Visitor Center

The National Park Service at Keweenaw National Historical Park is opening its first NPS-operated visitor facility in the Union Building on the park's nineteenth anniversary, October 27, 2011. The Calumet Visitor Center, located at the gateway to historic downtown Calumet, will feature visitor information, including orientation to the park and its nineteen Keweenaw Heritage Site partners, and a two-story exhibit, Risk and Resilience: Life in a Copper Mining Community. It is a place for visitors to reflect on the connection between mining companies, communities, and people. Over 400 copper country artifacts and photos will help convey the copper mining story being told.

The Union Building, built in 1888, was the brainchild of the Union Building Association, a partnership between the Free & Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The Association built the three-story, 12,000 square foot structure on property provided by the Calumet & Hecla (C&H) Mining Company. The first floor was reserved for commercial tenants to support the activities and maintenance of the building, as was the norm in 1800s downtown communities. Tenants over the years included a bank, post office, beauty salon, printing company, and sample rooms.

In addition to the Masons and Odd Fellows, the lodge rooms were used by some 30 organizations, primarily fraternal societies, for meetings and events until the 1970s. It is fitting that Keweenaw National Historical Park, a true partnership-based national park, should occupy and operate a visitor facility in the Union Building that simultaneously provides visitor orientation, and connects people with the rich, diverse history of Upper Michigan's Copper Country.

The NPS intends to have the Calumet Visitor Center open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm, although specific days and times are dependent on budget and staff availability. The Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association will have a sales area in the visitor center offering a variety of interpretive

materials, and whetting the shopping appetites of patrons before directing them further into downtown Calumet's commercial district. The NPS is anticipating the Calumet Visitor Center to be an economic generator for downtown Calumet as well as the entire Copper Country region.

For more information call the staff at Keweenaw National Historical Park at 906-337-3168 or visit the web at [www.nps.gov/kewe](http://www.nps.gov/kewe).



## Farmers and Artisans Market

Main Street Calumet's Farmers and Artisans Market Is Now Open Year Round! Every Friday beginning September 30, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Merchants and Miners Building, 200 Fifth St. (corner of 5th & Portland Streets) in downtown Calumet, MI. For additional information please, contact us by email at [info@mainstreetcalumet.com](mailto:info@mainstreetcalumet.com) or 906-337-6246.

# Christmas in Calumet



## Friday, December 2

- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Calumet Theatre Park - 6:00 pm
- First Friday events at galleries, shops, and eateries, 6:30 pm – 9pm

## Saturday, December 3

- Santa arrives downtown via horse-drawn wagon at 11 am
- Visits with Santa and free goodie bags, Rowe Furniture, 11-3
- Free horse-drawn wagon rides, 11-3
- Holiday music by strolling musicians, various downtown locations, 11-3
- Carolers tour the downtown, 11-3
- Judging of the downtown window decorating contest
- "Calumet Celebrates the Arts" gallery events, various locations, all day
- Poor Artists Sale at CLK Public Schools Gym

## Friday, December 9

- Club Indigo Dinner & Movie: Calumet Theatre 6 pm

## Saturday, December 10

- Visits with Santa and free goodie bags, Rowe Furniture 11-1
- Watch for Santa & his “goodie bag” downtown locations 1-3
- CopperDog Christmas “Meet & Greet”, corner of 4<sup>th</sup> & Oak Streets 1-3
- Free horse-drawn wagon rides 11-3
- Holiday music by strolling musicians, various downtown locations 11-3
- Carolers tour the downtown 11-3

## Tuesday, December 13

- “Lowe Family Christmas” Calumet Theatre 7:30 pm

## Saturday, December 17

- Visits with Santa and free goodie bags, Rowe Furniture, 11-1
- Watch for Santa & his “goodie bag” downtown locations 1-3
- Free horse-drawn wagon rides, 11-3
- Holiday music by strolling musicians, various downtown locations, 11-3
- Carolers tour the downtown, 11-3

# Committee Reports

## Design Committee



The committee is working with downtown merchants to develop a retail event that will coincide with the opening of the National Historical Park Visitor's Center on October 27th and 28th.

The committee would like to establish a sculpture park on the site of the old Red Garter restaurant. Their goal is to raise \$35,000.

The planters will be picked up from the merchants before the last week in October.

## Promotions Committee

Advertising packages for downtown merchants are being put together in preparation for the October retail event associated with the opening of the National Historical Park Visitor's Center.

The committee is reaching out to Finnish groups in the community to help in the planning of the 2012 Heritage Celebration next August. The Heritage Celebration will be a local springboard for the FinFest USA 2013 event.



The possibility of a Toivo run from Blissfield, MI to Calumet is steadily building momentum.

To date Blissfield, Marshall, Niles and Howell are all interested in using the run as local fundraisers. Old Town Lansing is even toying with the idea of setting out tables and having a pasty lunch for the state legislators as Toivo comes through. The run presents an opportunity to get national sponsorship and press coverage.

## Economic Restructuring Committee

The committee moved forward with efforts to turn the Calumet Farmers and Artisans Market into a year-round event by holding it in the lobby of the Merchants and Miners Building.

## Organization Committee

The committee is sponsoring a membership promotion: a weekend get away in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

