

City of Marine on St. Croix

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Happy New Year

Dates to Remember

City Council Meeting,

Thursday, January 8, 7:00pm -
Village Hall

John Gorka Concert -

January 16 & 17, 7:00pm
Village Hall

City Office Closed

Monday January 19, 2009

**38th Annual Marine/
O'Brien Cross Country Ski**

Race- January 25th, 2009 at -
William O'Brien State Park
Trail Center

Planning Commission -

Tuesday January 27, 7:30pm -
Village Hall

City Council Meeting

Thursday February 12, Village Hall
- 7:00pm

City Office Closed

February 16, 2007 - President
Day

Planning Commission

Tuesday February 24, 7:30
pm Village Hall

City Council Meeting -

Thursday March 12, Village
Hall - 7:00pm

Planning Commission

Tuesday March 31, 7:30 pm
Village Hall

General Election Results

Mayor

Glen Mills

Council 2 year term

Everett Myers

Council 4 year term

Peter Marker

Council 4 year term

Karl Benson

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

John Gorka Concert

Marine Village Hall

Friday January 16, & Saturday January 17, 2009

7:00pm Village Hall

**Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased at the Marine
General Store, or by contacting Bill Crane at 612-810-0557 or at
cranew@frontiernet.net**

****** Proceeds will help the Marine Fire and Ambulance Department to
purchase much needed equipment ******

Welcome

Jason Crotty

The City of Marine has hired a new Public Works Lead. Jason has spent 8 years as a Lead with Stillwater Public Works. Jason was also in Iraq as a firefighter for the military and is currently on the Fire Department in Somerset. Please welcome Jason to our wonderful community.



ICE RINK PROJECT A HUGE SUCCESS!!

The Marine Ice Rink has been spruced up for the 2009 skating season.

Thanks to donations from over 90 businesses and private citizens, the ice rink project is complete and the dollar amount raised has exceeded the original **GOAL** !!!!!

The hope was to raise \$5200 to cover the cost of replacing the boards and purchasing gravel in order to create a base for the ice. To date, over \$5400 has been received. The additional dollars will be placed into a maintenance fund to help with future repairs and up keep. Pete Marker has also very graciously volunteered his time to engrave the new boards with the names of all the businesses and families who have donated to this project. Thanks to Pete and to all of the many volunteers who helped make this project such a huge success!! Special thanks to Kathy Marker and Lynette Peterson for organizing the fundraising efforts.

Thanks to everyone for all your efforts to make the Marine Ice Rink a great gathering place for residents.

ICE RINK HOURS

The ice rink located at the school will be open as weather permits. Hours for the warming house will be as follows: Monday - Friday 3:30 - 8:00 pm Saturday-Sunday 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.

If you would like to receive updates on rink conditions please e-mail Everett at: everett@northboundorganics.com and I will add you to the Marine Rink e-mail distribution list.

Tom Mills and Tim & Mike Sandager have been hired by the City to keep the warming house open during these hours, The boys will shovel the rink when less than 4 inches of snow, and flood rink in the evenings. I would request if anyone is willing to help the boys keep the rink clear of snow show up with shovels after a snow fall. The Marine Elementary School uses the rink during the day so help is always needed by volunteers the morning after a big snow fall so the kids can skate at recess. Assistance with putting a new coat of water on the rink is needed in the evenings at 8:00pm. When snow fall is over 4 inches or heavy and wet the City employees will assist in the clearing after they have all the roads and sidewalks clear.

38th ANNUAL
MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE
 "Minnesota's Oldest Ski Race"
SUNDAY JANUARY 25, 2009

Please see City website for more details



Public Trail Announcement

As the seasons begin to change, so does the use of the City's public trails. While the City encourages all residents to use and enjoy the City trails, there are a few guidelines to remember which will help improve safety and enhance the beauty of the trail system,

General User Guideline:

- ◆ No motorized traffic (except for motorized wheelchairs)
- ◆ Keep right so others can pass
- ◆ Keep all pets on a leash and remove all waste
- ◆ Obey traffic signs and rules
- ◆ Pick up all garbage and litter
- ◆ Respect adjoining landowners rights and privacy
- ◆ Warn other trail users when passing
- ◆ Share the trail with others
- ◆ Stay on designated trails; do not take shortcuts
- ◆ Enjoy the beauty of nature and do not disturb the plants and animals

During the winter months many of our trails are used for cross country skiing. Volunteers from Jackson Meadow groom some of these trails and walkers are asked to try to avoid the groomed ski trails.

New trails have been added for the walkers. (See map)

Anyone interested in receiving trail updates and trails meeting notices please e-mail Everett at: everett@northboundorganics.com and he will add you to the trails e-mail distribution list.

As you should be aware, based on the intense recruitment campaign that has been well publicized in these pages, as well as in the local papers, we were at a critical juncture in the life of the local ambulance service provided by the Marine Public Safety Department. It is our very sincere pleasure to announce that we have met, and will most likely exceed, the minimum number of people registered for EMT school as required by the City Council to continue ambulance operations. A total of 6 citizens have stepped forward, registered for and will begin classes in just a few days, they are:

Greg Johnson	Lee Kent
Andy Kramer	Scott Strubing
Loralee DiLorenzo	Steve Suby

In addition, Jeff Peterson has already completed school, passed his tests, and will begin taking runs sometime in the month of January.

More than a dozen other residents stepped forward and volunteered when they heard the call, willing to do all they could to preserve this local treasure, many of these concerned residents were from May Township. For various reasons, most often being their distance to respond for calls, we were not able to use their commitment as active members, but their willingness and concern is much appreciated and we hope to make them part of our family in some other way.

These people have gone thru a more thorough pre-screening process than any member in our history, and I can tell you that they are all outstanding additions to the Department, and will bring significant contributions to the performance of our team. Please join me in welcoming these great people to service in our Community. Their commitment and community spirit will allow us to continue our 40+ year tradition of EMS service to these Communities.

Please join us in thanking all of these dedicated people for stepping forward and helping to insure the vitality of the Marine Ambulance Service.

Well done to all!

Don't forget the John Gorka Concert on January 16th and 17th, at the Marine Village Hall. Tickets are still available at the Marine General Store or by calling 433-2714, (Bill Crane). This outstanding artist generously shares the proceeds from these concerts with the Marine Fire Relief Association.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors must be present in every home. Please make sure that yours work! Call your local fire department if you have any questions.

With the high cost of home heating today, as well as the more "normal" winter temperatures we have been experiencing, many residents have turned to wood and other alternatives to heat, or help heat their homes this season. There are many alternatives out there, but make sure that you are using them safely.

Unvented gas, propane, kerosene, oil, coal, wood, or any other type of combustion heater SHOULD NEVER BE USED INSIDE YOUR HOME! Whenever using this type of heater in a garage, auto, fish house, etc., be sure to open a window, door, or provide some other means of allowing fresh air into the room or enclosure. The carbon monoxide from these appliances can build up quickly, is colorless and odorless, and as little as 30 parts per million in your enclosed environment can cause illness or death.

For those burning wood, in addition to insuring the correct amount of combustion air getting to the fire, remember that your chimney should be cleaned AT LEAST annually, and more often if you use the wood burning appliance regularly, burn "low and slow", or it is one of the new "super efficient" models. The build up of creosote in these chimneys can be dramatic, and a chimney fire, depending on the construction of your chimney, could easily lead to your entire home being involved in a serious fire before you are even aware of it.

All of these things can help us get thru the current tough economic times, and the harsh winter temperatures, but please stay safe while doing it. If you have any questions please call your local fire department.

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“disconnect” in how people view their connections to so many vital volunteer organizations, and just how important their own “volunteerism” is, not just to the many opportunities to “volunteer” our time, why within our own little Village

Some Local Volunteer Options:

Marine School

Marine Restoration Society

Meals on Wheels

Marine Public Safety Department- Fire & Ambulance

Washington County Libraries

Boy Scouts

Youth and elderly service programs and many others!

City Affairs/Committees

Red Cross

Local Churches

Salvation Army

Girl Scouts 4-H Club



COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council has set the proposed 2009 City Budget at \$612,219.04 This represents a .58% decrease over last year.

WANTED

The Planning Commission is looking for members and has 3 openings available. Anyone interested please contact the City Office at 433-3636 during normal business hours.



The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees on Friday, January 9th.

Please leave them along the curbside.



**Salt Shortage!
Environmental Impact!**

Washington County has allotted a 1/3 less salt for our streets this season due to a salt shortage. Remember intersections can become very slippery due to freezing rain or even a buildup of snow. Public Works is doing a great job keeping our roads in good condition this winter. PLEASE DO YOUR PART... slow down, be extra cautious, and leave plenty of room when stopping. Less salt will also be better for our environment.

WINTER RESTRICTIONS

The City has an ordinance preventing the parking of any vehicles, equipment or structure on any street or alley in the City between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 15 until April 1 of the following year. Please help us by keeping vehicles off the streets and alleys. This reduces the amount of time it takes to plow the City Streets. Residents of the City are welcome to take sand and salt from the shed located at 1500 Broadway Street. Bring your own container and shovel.

All residents and businesses with sidewalks in front of their homes or establishments **MUST** keep them shoveled. Thank you for your cooperation. See Ordinance #132 City Code Chapter 8, Subd. 5

Village Hall Our Unique Sense of Place.

We are off to a good start with 16 people attending our last meeting.

Would you like to: attend meetings, help decide the next project, lead the project, or become an officer of the organization? Come to the next meeting and help keep the organization going.

The Society is a non-profit organization affiliated with the City of Marine to renovate buildings and structures owned by the City. There is a membership fee of \$15.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. Restoration Society promotes the annual Home for the Holidays Concert by Butch Thompson (who grew up in Marine), the Progressive Dinner, and the 4th of July Running Race as fundraisers to take on our projects. Residents organized the Marine on St. Croix Restoration Society in 1965 in order to raise funds and renovate the 1888 Village Hall. **We will be happy to see you!**

Marine Restoration Society



Next Meeting:

◆ January 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm
City Hall

**City of Marine on
St. Croix**

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**We're on the web -
marine.govoffice.com**

**2009 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION
AND STAFF**

City Council

Glen Mills, Mayor
433-5879

Mike Lammi, Council
433-3062

Everett Myers, Council
433-3308

Peter Marker, Council
433-4197

Karl Benson, Council
433-3471

Council meets the second
Thursday of each month at
7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

City Information

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City Staff

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Mary Tomnitz, Assistant City Clerk

Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493

Tom Boesel, Public Works

Planning Commission

Dan Willenbring, Chairman

Jack Warren

Mike Zajac

Ron Brenner

Stacey Forster

Looking for more members.

Planning Commission meets the
last Tuesday of each month at
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.