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2013 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00AM-4:30PM FRIDAY 8:00 TO 12 NOON

City Council

Glen Mills, Mayor
433-5879
Lon Pardun, Council
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Mary Lusher, Council
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Chris Mowery, Council
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Dan Willenbring, Council
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Planning Commission

Gerry Mroska, Chairman
Jack Warren
Ron Brenner
Andy Creager
Gwen Roden
Kristina Smitten
Joyce Ritz

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

City Staff

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

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer
Mary Tomnitz, Assistant City Clerk
Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493
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Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

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COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council has set the proposed 2014 City Budget at \$814,391.85 This represents a 14.92% increase over last year. The Truth In Taxation meeting for citizen input regarding the 2014 budget will be held in early December 2013 in the Village Hall. Look for the meeting date & time to be posted on the City Website and front Bulletin Board.

2013 Marine Art Fair

The City of Marine On St. Croix and Public Safety Department would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2013 Marine Art Fair another memorable weekend event for all. The Public Safety Department has now directly managed their third event, and with the help of City Staff, has successfully raised over \$20,000 this year alone. These fundraising dollars go towards continuing to keep your Public Safety Department well trained and equipped, while minimizing direct taxpayer burden.

The fabulous weather made for great attendance. Many artists and fairgoers have given positive feedback. From the artists, the visitors and volunteers, it was a great success. We are already looking forward to next year! A special thank you goes out to Mary Skamser, Diane Mills, and Lynette Peterson for their tireless volunteer efforts heading up the Art Fair Steering Committee.

Marine Public Safety Department, Glen Mills, Mayor, Council Members—Chris Mowery, Mary Lusher, Lon Pardun and Dan Willenbring

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Oct 8th - Fire Prevention Open House 6 - 8 pm

Thursday, Oct 10th - City Council Meeting, 7:00pm Village Hall

Saturday, Oct 12th - Heavy Metal Day 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Monday, Oct 14th — Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct 29th - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30pm - Village Hall

Tuesday Nov 5th - Election Day: School Dist

Thursday, Nov 7th - City Council Meeting, 7:00pm Village Hall

Monday, Nov 11th—City Office Closed in observance of Veterans Day

Thursday, Nov 28th—City Office Closed Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, Nov 26th - Planning Commission Meeting—7:30 pm Village Hall

Truth & Taxation meeting. Early December Date to be determined in the Village Hall

Thursday, Dec. 12th - City Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7:00pm

Tuesday, Dec. 24th - Office Closed Christmas Eve Day

Wednesday Dec. 25th - Office Closed Christmas Day

HEAVY METAL DAY -
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2013
9:00 am—12:00 Noon

Located behind Security State Bank
at the Wayside Park.

This will be a great time to clean up before the snow flies. You can find more information on the Bulletin Board in front of the Village Hall, or the city website at marine.govoffice.com



Winter Parking Restriction

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.



ATTENTION

WINTER IS ALMOST HERE – AND SO IS THE SNOW...

The City of Marine City Council recently passed an ordinance regulating the placement of snow on streets and sidewalks.

The ordinance is as follows:

All snow and ice not removed from public sidewalks by the owner or occupant of any building or lot abutting a public sidewalk 12 hours after the snow and ice has ceased to be deposited thereon, and unless acting under a specific contract with the City or with written special permission from the City, no owners or occupants of real property, or any person on behalf of any such owner or occupant, shall push, deposit, pile, or otherwise place in any public street, alley, sidewalk, or trail right-of-way, any snow or ice from such private real property or from public boulevards adjoining such private real property.

The City will charge for the removal of any snow resulting from the violation of this ordinance.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Compost Site Closing



The compost site will close its gates for the season on Saturday, November 2, 2013 or earlier if the snow flies.

Marine Mill Site Update September 2013

The Marine Mill Historic Site in the heart of Marine on St. Croix looks the best it has in over a decade, so come on down and enjoy! You are invited to visit the main area south of the Mill Stream with its trails, river overlook, and signs that tell the history of the original Marine Lumber Mill. Be sure to also explore the newly resurfaced trail to the river behind the Marine General Store.

The site and trails are owned by Minnesota Historical Society, which has been collaborating with the City of Marine and community volunteers to make the property more accessible. Many improvements are the result of volunteer labor. Most recently, a group of adults and children from Christ Lutheran Church helped cut and haul brush and care for young trees. Thank you everyone!

Future plans for the site include connecting the trail across the Mill Stream near the river. As with the trail behind the store, funding from the Minnesota Historical Society is being sought for this project.

To encourage support for future plans, we need volunteers to help count the number of visitors to the Mill Site. The count would take place on several weekend days this fall, from 9 a.m. until dusk. If five volunteers were to count for two hours each we would cover a day. Bring a magazine and enjoy the fall weather. If you'd like to help or have questions, please contact Curt Moe at 651-433-4265 or moe.curt@gmail.com.

Village Center Task Force - Update

The trail behind the General Store down to the river has been significantly improved. The VCTF worked closely with the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) and Marine's Public Works department to clear the pathway and install a new gravel surface. We now have a true Gateway down to the River once again. The work was funded through the MHS. If you have not already walked the trail, we encourage you to do so. There still is some more clearing of the storm ditch on the north side of the trail that needs to happen. If you are interested in joining others volunteer to clean this up, please contact the City office.

The VCTF has also completed the connector trail between the St. Croix Chocolate shop and Burris Park. Volunteers along with some help from our Public Works department cleared the path, removed some old fencing and timbers and planted and watered new grass seed.

We hope you all take the time to walk these new trails and take in the beauty surrounding our downtown area.

A special thanks to Curt Moe, Tod Drescher, Anne Reich, Jason Crotty, Andy Kramer and Jack Warren for their extra efforts in making this all happen.

A traffic counting study will be conducted this fall at several intersections around the north end of Judd St. The study will identify existing traffic patterns in this area and will also simulate the impacts of closing the north end of Judd Street where it connects to Hwy 95. This study is needed as we plan for 3rd street improvements.

Upcoming Village Center Task Force meetings held at the Village Hall at 6 PM are: October 1st, November 4th and December 10th



Public Trail Announcement

During Hunting Season please be safe! Wear Orange while on trails, parks and even on your own property.

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 Horses!** All Marine City Trails are Posted "**No Horses**" Due to trail damage and erosion concerns.
- ◆ 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.



Marine Restoration Society - PO Box 131

Marine Restoration Officers:

*President - Ann Myers,
Vice President - Megan Kavanagh,
Treasurer - Stacia Rivers,
Secretary - Sue Logan,
Member at Large Jennifer Holloway,*

Historic Walking Tour Maps

Historical Walking Tour Maps are still available at Marine General Store or at City of Marine offices for \$5. Proceeds from the sale of the map support the work of the Restoration Society, which promotes the cultural and historical awareness of the village. There are also a limited number of unfolded maps that are suitable for framing. Contact the City of Marine to purchase. Maps make great gifts!

Attention Animal Owners!

It has been brought to the attention of the City that our parks, sidewalks and trails have been the recipient of unwanted feces.

**Please bring a baggy or some source of removal options to pick up after your dogs.
Please see Chapter 5 of the Marine City Code.**

Animal Control

Sherrill Reid - 651-433-3033

Any questions regarding animals please contact Sherrill Reid Animal Control.

Just a reminder if you have not picked up your 2013 dog license they are still available at City Hall during normal business hours. The cost is \$2.00 per license and you just need to show proof of a current Rabies Vaccination.

**During Hunting Season please be safe!
Wear Orange while on trails, in parks and even on your own property.**



HUNTING SEASON HAS BEGUN

Don't be alarmed if you hear gun shots. The 2013 season has arrived!

Bow Hunting Deer-	Sept 14 - Dec 31, 2013
Shot Gun Deer -	Nov. 9 - Nov 17, 2013
Muzzle Loading Deer-	Nov 30 - Dec 15, 2013



Permits are required for any person (s) hunting with a firearm. These permits are available at the City office during regular business hours and must be obtained by the landowner. Be aware of this while using walking trails, and make sure you are wearing appropriate clothing, especially during the critical hours of dusk and dawn.

Property owners interested in allowing a bow hunter on their property for the purpose of hunting deer should contact the City office. There is also a list of hunters interested in hunting in this area. Any questions regarding hunting regulations, or to report any suspicious or illegal activities (i.e. unauthorized deer stands on private property), you may **Conservation Officer Scott Arntzen at 763-413-4881.**

Marine Community Library



This summer the library offered twenty different activities for kids. Family storytimes included lots of books, worm races, puppets, fairy house building and a Native American drum circle. The book clubs were full to bursting with activities linked to the books including building a tipi, a raft and making herbal remedies. We offered a variety of classes including secret code writing, how to draw Manga and DIY Pinterest crafts. In addition to the kids' events we offered a poetry writing event for all ages and a printmaking workshop and artist talk with Merlyn Chesterman in early August. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard to create a vibrant and fun summer at the library!

Volunteer Recognition: On Sept. 8th, 60 library volunteers were honored at the second annual Volunteer Recognition party, hosted again by Judy and Don Maurer. There are very few libraries which operate 100% with volunteers, as ours does, so their importance to our library's success cannot be understated. Thank you all for making our library possible! And many thanks to Judy and Don for organizing, cooking, and providing the lovely backdrop, as well as generous donation of food and memento mugs!

Upcoming Events:

- * On September 27th, Chris Niskanen will talk about his MN Book Award-nominated book "Prairie, Lake, Forest: Minnesota's State Parks."
- * Plans are underway for the library to sponsor a "Documentary & Dialog" series of movies. The first event will be Thursday, November 7 in the Marine Village Hall. Watch for more details about this chance to learn about and discuss topics of interest in our communities.
- * On Friday and Saturday, October 18th and 19th, Lori Powell Gordon, Mary Duncan and friends will present a fundraising show to benefit the library: "Still Kicking: More Songs I Want Played at My Funeral." This will include mainly new material and a few highlights from previous shows. Tickets are on sale now. For more details visit marinecommunitylibrary.org.



Public Safety News

The Annual Art Fair was a huge success. We appreciate your patience and understanding with the crowds, hustle and bustle and activity for this one weekend every year. It is a disruption to our tranquil lives, but we need to remember that it usually provides over \$20,000 dollars annually to the Fire and Rescue budget, money that otherwise would come out of our tax revenues, so it is critically important to all of us. Thank you again for your patience and a big thank you to the Art Fair Steering Committee and all those who helped make it happen!

“Fire Prevention Week 2013: “Prevent Kitchen Fires!”

Open house on October 8th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 6th this year with a National theme of preventing kitchen fires, the number one cause of home fires. In addition, here in Marine we will be focusing on Firewise concepts. Firewise is a program critical to those of us who live in the wildland/urban interface as it gives plans and suggestions on how to protect and help prevent your home and properties exposure and risk from wildfire. Please join us in learning about these critical practices. We will be hosting our annual Open House on Tuesday, October 8th, beginning at 6 pm. We will offer fire truck rides, a cup of chili and some apple cider, as well as providing the critical information you need to protect your home and property.



The firefighters and EMT's will be in the school on October 8th also, visiting with the students and encouraging their help in preventing fires. Fire Prevention is everyone's responsibility!

We are NOT running a flu shot clinic this year due to poor response in previous years, but we encourage everyone to get their flu shot early to help keep themselves, their families and the Community healthy. For more information, contact Washington County Health, or your medical care provider.

In a previous newsletter we made a rather stylized appeal for people to join the Fire and Rescue Squads. With no response we wonder if our message was not clear, we are in serious need of volunteers to keep this critical service fully operational. Right now there is a nation-wide shortage of volunteer firefighters, and Marine is no exception to that problem. Our lives are busy, but the costs, both financial and personal can be even higher if this critical service is not here. If you are between the ages of 18 and 55 and in reasonably good health, we really need you to consider joining our ranks as either a Firefighter or EMT, or both. The Department pays for and provides the training and it is the greatest group of people in town to be a part of. If you really want to make a difference in people's lives, if you want to have a real impact on this Community, join the Fire and Rescue. Call Lynette at City Hall, 433-3636 and she will put you in contact with someone from the Department to answer your questions and concerns. We do accept people from May Township also for our Fire Squad, as we have had a number of volunteers now who have proven they can be an effective part of the operational response.

FIRE PERMIT FEE



The cost per permit is \$5.00 for piles or \$15.00 for a prescribed burn permit. Each permit is good for up to 3 consecutive days. You can contact the City office during regular business hours Monday thru Thursday to obtain a permit.



The Stone House Museum Mary Smith, Volunteer Museum Director

The Stone House Museum has had a wonderful summer with several changes and lots of visitors. I am thankful for the many community members who volunteered their time to help host on a weekend afternoon. I particularly enjoyed chatting with “old-time” family members and remembering days in Marine long ago. I treasure the many wonderful artifacts housed in both the museum and in the early settler's cabin, but I love the stories folks have shared. Some of our families have known one another over 100 years. If any of you have Marine family histories written down or a family tree of names and dates, I would like to put a copy of it in our Marine Stories Book. Next summer, please come and spend time reading these amazing tales. People new to town are encouraged to add their personal history stories, too!

We started this season with a community weenie roast and ended celebrating 50 years as a museum with an old fashioned ice cream social. Relaxing and eating ice cream on the museum lawn or sharing a cup of coffee around the old harvest table, the Stone House Museum is a great place to gather....and of course, to share your stories.

I want to thank the Marine Women's Civic Club for the new computer and printer, for the 2 new dehumidifiers (that were full every day!) and for sponsoring an intern (Kate Dietrick) to help out. A big thanks to the Museum Committee for their guidance and support. Also, without the help and advice of Mark McGinley much of this summer's work would not have gotten done. His time and efforts have been invaluable. There are many opportunities for you to help out at your museum, too.

Be a part of the history....be a part of the story.

Contact Mary Smith, Volunteer Museum Director at museumstonehouse@gmail.com or 651-430-1239



Photo taken by Katherine Dietrick, Museum Intern



Photo taken by Mary Smith Museum Director



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