

MOSC Times



Dates to Remember

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

Thursday, Oct 8th—City Council Meeting, 7:00pm Village Hall

Monday, Oct 12th - Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day

Saturday, Oct 10 -Heavy Metal Day 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Tuesday, Oct 27th - Planning Commission Meeting, 7:30pm - Village Hall

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

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

Thursday, Nov 26th – City Office Closed Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, Nov 24th - Planning Commission Meeting—7:30 pm Village Hall

Tuesday, Dec 8th - Truth and Taxation Meeting 6:00pm Village Hall

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

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

Friday, Dec. 25th -Office Closed Christmas Day

COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council has set the proposed 2016 City Budget at \$969,271.94 This would represent a maximum of a 22.3% increase over 2015. The Truth In Taxation meeting for citizen input regarding the 2016 budget will be held December 8th at 6pm 2015 in the Village Hall.

2015 Marine Art Fair

The City of Marine On St. Croix and Public Safety Department would like to thank everyone who helped make the 2015 Marine Art Fair another memorable weekend event for all. The Public Safety Department has now directly managed their fourth 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, Bill Miller, Lon Pardun and Dan Willenbring

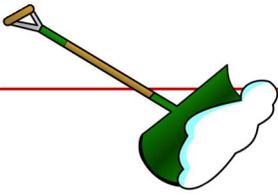
HEAVY METAL DAY - **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015** **9:00 am—12:00 Noon**

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 has an ordinance in place 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!



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. No permit is required once there are 3 inches or

Compost Site Closing

The compost site will close its gates for the season on Saturday, October 31, 2015 or earlier if the snow flies.

During Hunting Season please be safe!

Wear Orange while on trails, in parks and even on your own property.

Marine GreenStep Cities News

Marine on St Croix was recognized as a Step 1 Minnesota GreenStep City at the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference in June. The GreenStep Cities program is designed to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals.

In August, an energy assessment of the Marine Village Hall was conducted by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's RETAP (Retiree Environmental Technical Assistance Program) professionals, hosted by Marine Public Works Lead Jason Crotty and Marine GreenStep Cities Committee member Mary Lusher. The on-site visit included a walkthrough of the hall looking at all major systems such as HVAC, lighting, building envelope, water use and waste generation. The RETAP report applauds the City for energy efficiencies already implemented (e.g. new high-efficiency furnaces) and suggested further ways the hall can be made more efficient (e.g. replacing incandescent bulbs with LEDs, additional insulation and improving recycling rates by improving signage and increasing the number of signs to recycling bins).

Volunteers are welcome to become involved with Marine's GreenStep Cities program, contact Mary Lusher at mary.p11@frontier.com or by calling at 433-2653.

For information about the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program visit: www.mngreenstep.org

Public Trail Announcement

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. If you have any concerns please contact Council member Chris Mowery at 651-433-4957.

General User Guideline:

The City of Marine on St. Croix Trail System consists of natural trails and walking paths which are susceptible to damage and erosion despite efforts to maintain them.

Heavy traffic, such as vehicle and horse traffic, can damage the trails by creating erosion and/or markings, hoof prints, tire tracks, etc.

In order to regulate the usage of the trail system, the Public Works Director is authorized to post public trails to: Limit, gate or prohibit use of the trails when conditions are conducive to damage, erosion, fire or other harm.

The Public Works Director shall post signs at the ingress and egress of each trail stating the type of travel or vehicle prohibited at that time.

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



“Fire Prevention Week 2015:

“Hear the beep where you sleep: every bedroom needs a working smoke alarm ”

Fire Prevention Week is the week of October 4th this year

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

Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom.

- Did you know that roughly half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 pm and 7 am?
- Smoke alarms save lives. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. In fact, having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of death by a reported fire in half!

The Marine on Saint Croix Firefighters and EMT’s will be at Marine Elementary School and Red Bride Pre-school during Fire Prevention Week visiting with the students and encouraging them to look for their smoke detectors,

The Fire Department will also be having an open house on Tuesday October 6th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Marine Fire Department hall in honor of Fire Prevention Week. Firefighters will be available for demonstrations, tours and fire truck rides for all those who are interested. Refreshments will be served with hot apple cider, cookies and fire house chili. Stop by and show your support for your volunteer fire department.



Marine Community Library

Marine Community Library is the go-to place in the village for fabulous programs, film and music events, new books and much more.

Kids' programs this summer were popular, with area children involved in book clubs, read alouds and activities like puppet theater, hands-on ceramics and all about frogs (including up-close encounters with real amphibians). Adults enjoyed presentations by Judy Stern, author of **Teachings from Mother Earth**; Larry and Wynn Martin about their great boating adventure; and Heather Holm, author of **Pollinators of Native Plants**. **The Remember Project** co-sponsored by the Library, Scandia Marine Lions Foundation, Christ Lutheran Church and St Croix Valley Foundation, encouraged us to explore how our community can come together to address the challenges of dementia. We hope you stopped by the Library booth at Scandia Taco Daze and Marine Art Fair.

“MARINE DOCUMENTARY NIGHT” FILM SERIES

The new season of Marine Documentary Night is off to a great start with the October screening of **The Dinkytown Uprising**. The next film is **Miss Tibet: Beauty in Exile**, November 5. Films are shown at the Village Hall first Thursdays of the month at 7pm, October-March, so mark your calendars and don't miss these great shows.

Upcoming library fundraisers include **The Power of Purpose Experience with Richard Leider**, Friday, November 13 and **An evening with Claudia Schmidt and Dean Magraw: Baby It's Cold Outside** on Friday, December 11. Seating is limited, tickets are available at Marine General Store or by calling 433-5569. Check the library website for more details.

Thank you Deb and Jeff Black for hosting the annual Marine Library Volunteers recognition gathering. And thanks to all the volunteers whose good energy keeps our community library vibrant. New volunteers are always welcome.

See you at the library!

marinecommunitylibrary.org
651-433-2820

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!

Historic Marine Mill Site News

Marine residents and visitors alike are finding the Marine Mill Site a great place to visit.

Both the bluff-top and Mill Stream ravine are getting lots of use. To help protect the fragile ravine, the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS owner of the site), approved design of formal trails. Goals are to direct foot traffic to help restore vegetation and prevent erosion, while keeping the area accessible.

MHS has made a short documentary film about how Chuck Anderson, Jack Warren, James Taylor Dunn and others saved the Mill Site from development and enabled MHS to become owner. The film will be screened at an upcoming Marine Documentary Night in the Village Hall.

Jack Warren and Chuck Arnason donated a beautiful white pine for the Mill Site in memory of James Taylor Dunn. James Taylor Dunn was Chief Librarian for MHS and spent many happy days at his family Cabin Pine Needles, on the St. Croix River just north of Marine. He was an ardent protector of the river and wrote the history books *Marine on St. Croix: Years of Village Life* and *The St. Croix: Midwest Border River*.

The Nation Park Service is at work on an informational kiosk for the entrance to the River Trail, behind the General Store, to be installed spring 2016.

The summer of 2015 saw community members continuing to maintain the Mill Site, including repairing fences, spreading gravel on trails, managing invasive plants and removing unwanted trees. The native trees we planted have done remarkably well, in lrg part due to care from volunteers. The cages will remain up for a while, as we're concerned about both deer browse and "buck rub". Again , our thanks to the Fund-A-Tree donors

Thanks to everyone who has worked hard to maintain the Mill Site, including Anne Reich, Jack Warren, David Stephens, Jim Schoeller , Curt Moe, Tom Omdahl, Peter Fernstrom, Brian Gould, Jason Crotty and Tommy Boesel. We always welcome new volunteers!

For more information contact: Curt Moe 433-4265.



Attention Animal Owners!

Please carry a baggy or some source of removal options to pick up after your dogs.

Chapter 5 of the Marine City Code.

Animal Control

Sherrill Reid - 651-433-3033

Any questions regarding animals please contact Sherrill Reid Animal Control.

The 2015 HUNTING SEASON HAS BEGUN

Don't be alarmed if you hear gun shots.

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.

Bow Hunting Deer-

Sept 19 - Dec 31, 2015

Shot Gun Deer -

Nov. 7 - Nov 15, 2015

Muzzle Loading Deer-

Nov 28 - Dec 13, 2015

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 contact Conservation Officer Scott Arntzen at 763-413-4881.

Fun Fact

Did you know you can easily provide natural habitat for native pollinators? Simply provide a small patch of undisturbed vegetation. Many pollinators will use this undisturbed vegetation as a home and as well as to lay eggs for next years hatch.

When possible be natural and go chemical free.



Come meet Marine's newest!

There's a new face at the city office, please welcome Jami Philip as our new assistant city clerk. Jami comes to us with 15 years of city government experience at the city of Shoreview. Prior to her city service she enjoyed 13 summers working at a small youth ranch in north west MN. While office work is a far cry from her days on the ranch she says the concept remains the same, it's about service to your customer. This strong sense of commitment to customers will prove to be a valuable asset to our community.

When not on the job Jami enjoys her time at home on her little hobby farm with her dog, horse, 2 barn kitties and a few thousand honey bees. When not at home she enjoys remote camping experiences in northern MN, road trips, horse camping, running sled dogs and sky diving.

Jami received a bachelors of Science from the University of Minnesota in Recreation and Leisure Studies with an emphasis in Outdoor Education. In addition to her studies at the University she also played soccer for the Gophers.

Next time your in town come say hello to our new assistant clerk.

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St. Croix**

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

2015 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
433-2130
Bill Miller, Council
433-5354
Chris Mowery, Council
433-4957
Dan Willenbring, Council
433-2015

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

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Animal Control - Sherrill Reid Home 651-433-3033
Cell 651-485-4892,

City Staff

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer
Jami Philip, Assistant City Clerk
Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493
Tom Boesel, Public Works
Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

Planning Commission

Gerry Mroska, Chairman
Jack Warren
Ron Brenner
Gwen Roden
Kristina Smitten
Joyce Ritz
Scott Spesak

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