

# MOSC Times

**Dates to Remember**

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

Village Center Task Force meeting April 14, 9:30am, Village Hall

Severe Weather Awareness Wk April 16th thru 20th.  
Tornado Drill April 19th 1:45 & 6:55 pm.

Compost Site -Sat April 21

Planning Commission Tuesday April 24, 7:30pm - Village Hall

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

Heavy Metal Day—Saturday, May 19, 9am - Noon

Mill Stream Day—Sunday May, 20 12 noon - 4pm

Planning Commission Tuesday May 29, 7:30pm - Fire Hall

Office Closed Monday May 28 -Memorial Day

Stone House Museum Weenie Roast May 28 11am to 2pm-Memorial Day

Progressive Dinner—Saturday, June 2nd

City Council Meeting - Thursday June 14, Village Hall - 7:00pm

Fireman's Street Dance Saturday June 16, 2012 - 5:30pm to 11:00pm

Planning Commission Tuesday June 26, 7:30 pm Village Hall

*2011 CITIZENS OF THE YEAR*

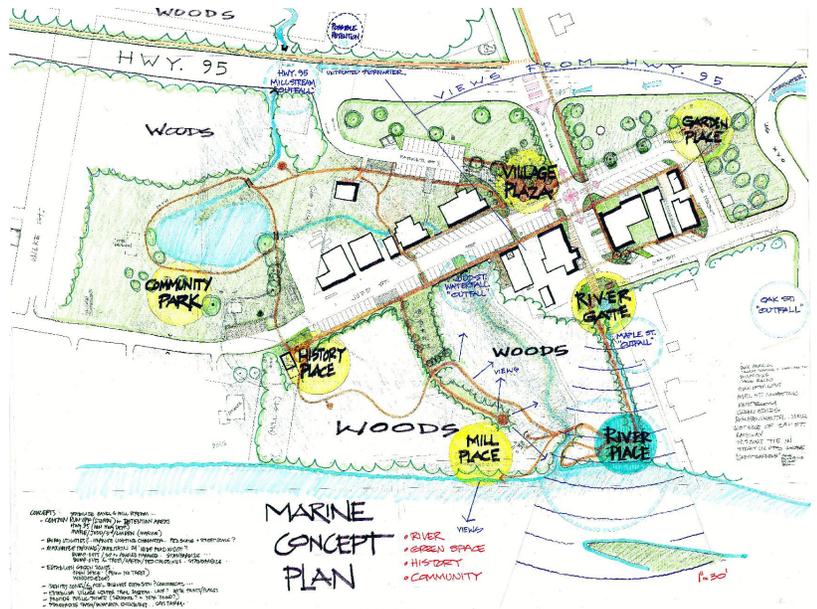
*Dan Willenbring & Bruce Mac Gregor*

## Village Center Task Force

The City of Marine on St. Croix is excited about formalizing the Village Center Task Force at the February City Council meeting as an official advisory body to both the Planning Commission and City Council regarding impacts to the Village Center. This citizen group has been meeting since January 2011 and has identified 4 major focus areas that reinforce the community's desires outlined in the City's comprehensive plan. Those focus areas are Stewardship of the St. Croix River, functional and attractive green spaces, historical character of the village, and Community interaction and business vitality. **Please join the Task Force on April 14th, 9:30 am at City Hall to participate in a public information session that will highlight proposed projects and the draft amendment to the comprehensive plan.**

Feedback received from the information meeting will be used to finalize the comprehensive plan amendment that will be presented for recommended approval at a public hearing on April 24th at the Planning Commission Meeting.

The Village Center Task Force is excited about momentum in turning these ideas into reality. Residents interested in more information or getting on the Village Center Task Force's E-mail Blast list should contact Council member Karl Benson at [kbenson@cochmail.com](mailto:kbenson@cochmail.com) or Dan Willenbring VCTF Chair via email at [djwillenbring@live.com](mailto:djwillenbring@live.com)



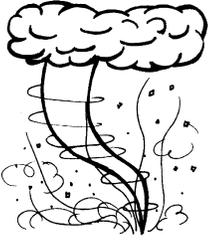
## Marine Post Office

New Saturday Window hours.

Open 8:30am  
Closes 11:00 am

## Assessment Notice

The Board of Appeal and Equalization of the City of Marine on St. Croix in Washington County, MN will meet at City Hall at 9:00am on Tuesday, April 10 2012 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of said Real Estate for the year 2012.



**Severe Weather Week**  
**April 16th - 20th**  
**Tornado Drill Day**  
**April 19 - 1:45 & 6:55**  
**pm**

## Public Safety Announcements

### Severe Weather Awareness

Severe Weather Awareness Week is April 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 20<sup>th</sup> in Minnesota this year. The entire week is a reminder to people and families to think about their personal and family disaster plans and response. On Thursday of that week, the 19<sup>th</sup>, tornado sirens will be sounded at 1:45 pm and 6:55 pm to remind us that we should share and discuss these plans and responses. The entire week has a different theme each day, and more can be learned by visiting the MN Public Safety Department website at <http://www.severeweather.state.mn.us/index.asp>

#### What to do during Severe Weather.

If you can't get inside during a thunderstorm find a low spot and crouch down on the balls of your feet.

You are in danger from lightning when lightning and thunder occur very close together and you feel your hair stand on end.

Strong winds, Hail, Tornadoes, and Flash Floods are dangers associated with some thunderstorms, however Lightning occurs with all thunderstorms.

If you are inside a house and a tornado is approaching go to the lowest level like a basement or storm cellar. Go into a bathroom or closet if possible. Stay away from windows

If you hear a tornado coming take cover right away. Tornadoes can move quickly, blowing objects at very high speeds. Protect yourself from these objects by taking cover immediately. If you are outside and there is no building nearby, lie flat in a low spot and use your arms and hands to protect your head.



**NEW FIRE PERMIT FEE January 1, 2012** The cost will be \$5.00 for piles or \$15.00 for a running permit. No permit required with 3 inches of snow or more. You can contact the City office during regular business hours Monday thru Thursday to obtain a permit.

### Planning Commission

The City of Marine on St. Croix is looking for a Planning Commission member or Chairman. Currently there are 6 members. Jack Warren will temporarily be acting Chairman. What a great way to be involved and learn more about this wonderful city. The duties of the Planning Commission are to review the zoning ordinances and recommend amendments or additions for adoption by the City Council whenever changes in conditions or further study by the commission indicates that amendments or additions are necessary; to act on requests for variances, Conditional Use permits or Special Use permits, proposed plats or amendments of existing plat; to review matters relating to building, street vacations or arrangements of streets and improvements, and such other and similar matters related to the orderly development of the city. The Planning Commission meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at the City Hall at 7:30pm. Please contact City Hall during regular business hours at 651-433-3636 for more information.

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### *Dan Willenbring*

*Congratulations to Dan Willenbring, who in February, was named the 2011 Citizen of the Year by the Marine City Council. Dan has served on the Planning Commission since March of 2000 and has Chaired since September 2003. His skills in organizing issues plus an even handed approach led to well conducted meetings. Dan's background, as a civil engineer with experience in developing sites for large stores, brings a high level of expertise to Marine concerning land use and the environment. Dan recently stepped down from the Planning Commission because of his work schedule, however will be Chairing the Village Task Force committee, coordinating city efforts to make the Village Center more attractive and add more vitality to the community. Thank you Dan for your dedication, hard work and continued support in making the City of Marine a great place to be.*

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### *Bruce MacGregor (posthumously)*

*For the services he had brought to the community. Two years ago Bruce arrived in Marine on the St. Croix with determination of being part of this community. Bruce was one of three owners of the Brookside Bar and Grill. He became the face of the Brookside, usually there, making a point of greeting people, remembering names, helping to make it a friendly place. Bruce became very involved with local residence and business owners and came up with an idea for the Fund-A-Tree program at the Mill Site. Bruce was also very supportive to all the volunteers in the community. The efforts that Bruce brought to the city of Marine has made it a great place to visit.*

***In celebration of our 90th Birthday  
The Marine Women's Civic Club***

***Invites you to a luncheon***

***Tuesday, April 17.***

***11:30 Social Time, 12:00 Luncheon***

***At Christ Lutheran Church, Marine on St. Croix***

***Lori Sturdevant, Author and Columnist***

***Guest Speaker***

***All are Welcome***

***Cost \$15***

***Reservations necessary by April 14***

***Call 651-433-3919 or 433-2049***

The Marine Women's Civic Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Christ Lutheran Church. All area women are invited to attend.

**COMPOST SITE OPENS APRIL 21, 2012**

**Weather Permitting**

***The City of Marine is looking for someone to work the compost site this season. If your interested please give the city office a call during regular business hours at 433-3636.***

The City compost site will be open during the following hours:

Wednesdays, noon to 7pm and Saturdays from 9am until 4pm.

The City asks that you please abide by the following rules:

1. No garbage bags. (Please take all paper and plastic bags home with you)
2. No sticks or brush!
3. No Trash! (This is NOT a dump. Please keep all glass, metals and plastics out of the compost pile)
4. The brush pile is available for Marine residents only! (The compost attendant will have a list of all Marine residents. If you are not on the list, please contact the City office.)
5. As always, the compost site will close during weather when there is thunder and lightening.
6. Questions or comments? Please call the City office at 433-3636.

## Attention Dog Owners



Just a few reminders. Its that time of year again please have your dog license renewed. You can find the application in this issue. Please review the following information as some changes in fees have been made to the impound fees. **Also, it has been brought to the Cities attention that a number of dogs that have been unleashed and running loose around town.** A full copy of the City Code is available on our website at [marine.govoffice.com](http://marine.govoffice.com).

### Marine on St. Croix City Code Chapter 5

**Subdivision 4 Running at Large Prohibited.** No dog shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of the City.

**Subdivision 5.** Any dog found running at large in violation of any provision of this ordinance may be captured and impounded by a peace officer of the City or by a party designated by resolution of City Council. Such peace officer or designee is authorized to go on private property other than into dwelling house to effect such capture. If not claimed within five (5) calendar days after capture and impounding, the peace officer or designee is authorized to destroy the impounded dog in a humane manner. An impounded dog may be claimed by the owner within five days after the capture and impounding by pay the boarding fee, license fee due under this ordinance, including a penalty for late issuance of license, and handling fee to the City of ten dollars (\$10.00). The impoundment fee shall be **\$90.00** for the first and second impoundment and **\$150.00** for the third or any additional impoundments. The foregoing fees are in addition to and not in lieu of the general liability of the dog owner under Subd. 16 of the ordinance as amended. No animal shall be retrieved from impound without proof of current rabies vaccination.

**Subdivision 6. DOGS ON LEASH; SANITATION.** Persons shall be permitted to take dogs onto public streets, sidewalks, trails and parks (other than areas clearly marked by signs bearing the words (“dogs not permitted in the area”) provided such dogs are under the control of the owner or custodian and restricted at all times by a suitable leash, Any person having the custody or control of a dog off the premises of the owner shall have the duty to immediately remove any feces left by such animal and to dispose of such feces in a sanitary manner. **It shall furthermore be the duty of each such person have control of any dog off the premises of the owner to have in such person’s possession a device or means for the picking up an removal of animal feces.**

### City of Marine on St. Croix APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE

Name of Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dog: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of last rabies vaccination: \_\_\_\_\_

◆ **Enclose a copy or certificate from veterinarian**

Name of Vet Clinic: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Dogs under 6 months of age are not required to be licensed.**

## **Mills Stream Days**

Mill Stream Day is Sunday May 20th, beginning at Noon in Burris Park, near the historic log cabin. The traditional trout lunch will be served, as well as brats.

We will have several booths of interest to naturalists, trout fisherman, birders, and more. Music and the Morris Dancers promise to be as entertaining as ever!

Don't miss the Maypole Dance at about 2:00PM, where kids of all ages take hold of ribbons and weave them about the maypole.

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## **Trail Committee Update:**

### **Mill Site**

The Mill Site restoration project is looking forward to a new growing season and YOU are invited to join in! Our improvements at the Mill Site tie in with the City Council's Village Center Task Force goal of improving Marine's downtown area. The efforts of our volunteers have made our village center a more inviting place to visit, offering beautiful views of the river and a glimpse into our town's history. These efforts also help draw visitors in town, helping keep our businesses vital, which benefits us all.

We have accomplished a great deal but have lots left to do. Our efforts are largely a volunteer activity and many of our projects would be a wonderful family activity. So either individually or as a family, come on out and help with our efforts to improve our downtown area. If interested, contact me at [moe.curt@gmail.com](mailto:moe.curt@gmail.com) or look for Mill Site project days on the Marine Facebook page.

Mill Site plans for this year include:

- Keeping the 100 trees we planted last season watered, weeded and alive. This is our greatest priority. It would be a particularly good activity for a parent and child.
- The wooden deck and fence will be repaired.
- New gravel will be laid down on the trails.
- We'll begin establishing a short grass prairie around the Mill Site ruins just east of the gravel trail.
- We'll continue to remove invasives throughout the Mill Site.

We've accomplished quite a lot at the Mill Site in the last two seasons, including:

- Removed over 25 dump truck loads of unwanted vegetation.
- Planted 100 trees to date.
- Created a "Fund-A-Tree" program (a suggestion of the late Bruce MacGregor), resulting in the donation and planting of 40 trees by caring citizens. We had a very pleasant ice cream social on the planting day, with a blessing by Pastor Joel Martin and comments on the Mill Site's history by Chuck Arnason and others.
- Developed funding from both the Minnesota Historical Society and the Washington Conservation District.
- Involved over 40 community volunteers in Mill Site activities.
- Met some great people and had some fun.

Thanks to all of those who have helped with these efforts, including the Brookside, Marine General Store and Olive's by offering discounted meal prices to volunteers; to Marine Standard for the storage of materials; to the Fire Department for access to water; to the City of Marine for removal of vegetation; to all of those who have donated trees to the Mill Site; to Anne Reich, Jack Warren, Jim Schoeller and David Stephens, members of the Mill Site's Planning Group and backbone of our efforts; and most importantly to all of the volunteers who have helped transform the Mill Site.

### **Trails**

Created a new XC ski and hiking trail on West Broadway this fall, adjacent to the city's maintenance shed. This volunteer effort was led by Carl Nordgren and Everett Myers. Fine tuning on this trail to be done this summer. Again, thanks to the efforts of all of the volunteers who made this happen.

The city trail map to be updated using GPS software and made available on the city's website.

Contact Curt Moe at [moe.curt@gmail.com](mailto:moe.curt@gmail.com) for questions or for volunteer information.

## Marine Community Library News

Order your books through the Washington County Library and pick up right here, at the Marine Community Library, located in the Marine Village Hall! Browse for books on our shelves or join us for our Thursday morning story time or a book club. Volunteer. Stop by or visit [www.MarineCommunityLibrary.org](http://www.MarineCommunityLibrary.org) for more information.

**Used Book Sale:** Sponsored by the Marine School Association and the Marine Library Association. Proceeds benefit Marine Elementary School and the Marine Community Library.

**Friday, April 20 from 3:30 – 7:30 & Saturday, April 21 from 9 – 3 at the Marine Village Hall.**

### Now Accepting Donations

Donations of gently-used books, DVDs and Audio Books on CD are wanted. Donations can be dropped off in the purple bins at Marine Elementary School, the Marine Village Hall and Elim Lutheran Church in Scandia. Call 651-275-1884 to arrange for pickup of large donations. All donations are tax deductible. Leave your name and address on the form attached to the bin. Unsold books will be donated to Books For Africa.

Also on Friday April 20, Tom Warth of Books For Africa talks about his Walk Across Gambia at 6 and 7:30. Activities for kids will be provided Friday and Saturday. Visit [MarineCommunityLibrary.org](http://MarineCommunityLibrary.org) for more details.

Marine Community Library Hours	
Monday	10 - 1
Tuesday	4 - 7
Wednesday	4 - 7
Thursday	10 - 1 & 5 - 8
Friday	5 - 8
Saturday	9 - 12

## Heavy Metal Day

Heavy Metal Day will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 A.M.—12:00 NOON

Collection will be behind Security State Bank at the Wayside Park. You can find the list of items that will be collected, along with their prices, posted on the bulletin board in front of the Village Hall and on the City's website.



## 2012 Fireman's Street Dance Saturday, June 16th 5:30pm - 11:00pm.

Gordy's famous ribs, brats and beer will be served starting at 5:30pm.

Big Walter Smith is the band, playing from 7 pm to 11 pm.

Kids activities, food, and "warm-up" activities prior to 7 pm.

*This is a great opportunity to have a good time with family and friends while supporting your local Public Safety Department.*



## Marine Restoration Society



New mailing address PO Box 131

*President - Jennifer Holloway*

*Vice President - Ann Myers*

*Treasurer - Mary Fernstrum*

*Secretary Sue Logan*

*Member at Large Megan Kavanagh*

Next Meetings : To be announced.

Governance and Sustainability Committee

### **Restoration Society All Town Progressive Dinner June 2, 2012**

Join old friends and new neighbors for the 24th Annual Marine All-Town Progressive Dinner to benefit the Marine Restoration Society. This year's event will be held on Sat. June 2nd. Every year, citizens of Marine are invited to participate in the annual event. Participants spend an evening getting to know neighbors and friends while progressing from house to house to enjoy appetizers, soup/salad, and dinner courses. The entire group gathers for dessert at the Marine Village Hall. Information will be mailed in early May.

## ***STONE HOUSE MUSEUM***

**WEENIE ROAST** - The Stone House Museum (241 - 5th St.) will be hosting their annual family weenie roast on Memorial Day Monday May 28, 2012 from 11am until 2pm. Hot dogs, Lemonade, water, condiments and buns will be offered for \$.75. Bring your own napkin and glass if you can, to cut down on waste generated. The museum will be open for tours and thenceforward from 2-5 pm. Saturdays and Sundays until Labor Day, or by appointment by calling 433-5675.

**Volunteers Wanted** - The Stone House Museum is looking for volunteers to help the intern and welcome visitors. The intern and written materials will help hosts familiarize themselves with information about the history and collection of objects relating to village history. Call 651-433-5675 to reserve a date when you can help.

### **Moving Forward with Hall Repairs**

The Marine Restoration Society has hired a design firm to develop construction documents for work to help stabilize the foundation of the Village Hall, the key issue in the Historical Structures Report from 2011. This development of materials will assist us with grant submission as we move forward with trying to mitigate the foundation movement.

### **Historic Walking Tour Maps**

The Marine Restoration Society in conjunction with the Parks and Trails Committee of the City of Marine have partnered to produce an Historical Walking Tour Map of Marine on St. Croix. The map is available at local businesses and at the City 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.

*Business Recognition*  
*Featuring*  
*Edward Jones Financial Advisor*  
*Heidi Gemuenden*



Over the years, Edward Jones Financial Advisor Heidi Gemuenden has enjoyed watching the activity on Judd Street increase as new businesses have opened their doors in Marine on St. Croix. Edward Jones opened its office in Marine in 1990, and has been a fixture on Judd Street since that time, working with many local residents with their retirement and financial planning. Together with her Branch Office Administrator Connie Christianson, Heidi and Connie thoroughly enjoy supporting local Marine businesses, both new and old.

"Edward Jones has enjoyed 'bringing Wall Street to Main Street' and watching the growth of the Village through the years" Gemuenden says. "Some of our client families span four generations, with family members who start out saving to build a home and saving for retirement. Later, as some begin to have families of their own, they look to Edward Jones for help with college savings plans to save for that next life step for their growing families. Others work closely with us once they actually retire. It is an honor to have earned our the trust of our clients and to work side-by-side with them throughout their lives."

"I am always working to expand my knowledge base and provide comprehensive, individualized service to our clients." says Gemuenden. "Edward Jones is a wonderful place to work. Our philosophy is about always doing what is right for the client. I often meet with men and women seeking a career change and I am very comfortable recommending Edward Jones as a potential employment opportunity. We're hiring!"

Heidi lives nearby in Center City with her husband Bill, her three sons, and four dogs. She enjoys gardening, cooking, running and spending time with her family. Connie and her husband Dave live in Stillwater, and have two children in college. If you find yourself in Marine on St Croix, please stop in to visit Heidi and Connie at Edward Jones! They always have chocolate! Please contact me if you have any questions at all.

**Heidi Gemuenden, AAMS® | Financial Advisor | Edward Jones**

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**We're on the web -  
[marine.govoffice.com](http://marine.govoffice.com)**

**2012 Marine Art Fair September 15 & 16, 2012**

**Applications and more can be found at the City's Events Website [www.marineonstcroix.org](http://www.marineonstcroix.org)**

**2012 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

Bill Miller, Council  
433-5354

Peter Marker, Council  
433-4197

Karl Benson, Council  
433-3471

Chris Mowery, Council  
433-3308

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City Event Website [www.marineonstcroix.org](http://www.marineonstcroix.org)

**Planning Commission**

\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman

Jack Warren

Ron Brenner

Andy Creager

Gwen Roden

Gerry Mrosla

Kristina Smitten

***Marine Planning Commission  
is looking for new members.***

**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  
Tom Boesel, Public Works  
Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

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