

City of Marine on St. Croix

MOSC Times Happy New Year

Dates to Remember

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

City Office Closed
Monday January 16, observance of Martin Luther King

Planning Commission -
Tuesday January 31,
7:30pm - Village Hall

41th Annual Marine/O'Brien Cross Country Ski Race - January 29th, at
- William O'Brien State Park Trail Center

City Council Meeting
Thursday February 9, Village Hall - 7:00pm

City Office Closed
February 20th, - President Day

Planning Commission
Tuesday February 28th,
7:30 pm Village Hall

City Council Meeting -
Thursday March 8th, Village Hall - 7:00pm

Planning Commission
Tuesday March 27, 7:30 pm Village Hall

COUNCIL ACTION The City Council has set the proposed 2012 City Budget at - \$656,115.74 This represents a 1.6076% increase from last year.

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.



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.



EMS NEWS January 4th at 7 pm If you have any concerns or questions concerning the recent changes in the EMS response by the Public Safety Department, we will be holding an informational and question answering meeting at the Marine Village Hall. All are welcome.



TREE PICK UP The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees on Friday, January 6th. Please leave them along the curbside.

MOSC NEWSLETTER
Email? Or
US Postal Service?

The City would like to offer the Newsletter through email to help save on mailing costs. You may also request a draft copy of our Agendas, City Council and Planning Commission Minutes. Just a reminder the Newsletter and Minutes are also available on our website marine.govoffice.com. If you are interested, please email the City Office at mosc@midconetwork.com.

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.



SIDEWALKS

*All residents and businesses with sidewalks in front of their homes or establishments **MUST** keep them shoveled. See Ordinance #132 City Code Chapter 8, Subd. 5. The City will charge for any snow removal that has not been completed. Thank you for your cooperation.*

Public Safety Department

Have a safe and Happy New Year

The Washington County “Code Red” emergency warning system will be tested County-wide at noon on January 4th 2012. Code Red is a system that will call your home phone number, or your cell phone, send you a text or an email with alerts that may impact you. The system can also be used to provide you with important non-emergency information. The initial set-up of the system has been made using public phone information, however all residents are advised to go to <http://wcsheriff.info> for a link to a site where they can enter, edit, add to, or change their enrollment information. The types of emergency notifications that will go over this system are evacuation notices, missing child alerts, utility outage, chemical spill, and fire or flood warnings. Please check the website <http://wcsheriff.info> and update your information prior to the January 4th test.

If you have any concerns or questions concerning the recent changes in the EMS response by the Public Safety Department we will be holding an informational and question answering meeting on January 4th at 7 pm at the Marine Village Hall. All are welcome.

*** Don't forget to save the date- Saturday, April 28th at 7 pm for “Storyhill”, in concert upstairs of the Village Hall. Proceeds to support the Marine Public Safety Department

Winter Fire Safety



The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the [National Fire Protection Association](http://www.nfpa.org) (NFPA) are working together to remind everyone that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. This is due in part to an increase in cooking and heating fires. Holiday decorations and winter storms that can interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources also contribute to the increased risk of fire in winter.

The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities has caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. You can prevent the loss of life and property resulting from heating fires by being able to identify potential hazards. **Winter fires can be prevented!** The following link www.nfpa.org at the National Fire Protection Association will give you fire safety tips that can help you maintain a fire-safe home this winter season.

In Case Of Emergency Keep your doors, emergency exits, sidewalks and driveways clear of snow. This will allow emergency vehicles and personnel access to your home. Remember every second counts in an emergency.

Art Fair Update:

Coming soon the 2012 Marine Art Fair applications on the City's Events Website (www.marineonstcroix.org)

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.



The City is still looking for one more individual to help with the Ice Rink. Please contact the City office if your are 16 or older and you are interested in working. The City attendants will keep the warming house open during these hours, shovel the rink when less than 4 inches of snow, and flood rink in the evenings. The City is requesting anyone 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.



Starting Sunday, January 1, 2012, the Youth Ski League will meet Sundays from 1-3 pm through February 19, 2012. Families with kids from ages 3-14 are welcome. Cost is \$25.00 per child, maximum of \$60 per family. Over 100 families participate in fun family ski activities. Volunteer coaches lead the kids in ski games and on snow ski skill progression. register or sign-up during any Sunday starting January 1st - February 19st. Contact John at 651-439-1860 or email John_Dybvig@yahoo.com with questions.

41st ANNUAL

**MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE
"Minnesota's Oldest Ski Race" SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2011**

Adult registration starting at 9am with races starting at 10:10am. Children's registration beginning at 11:00am with races starting at 1:30pm. Wood Ski Tour 8km start 10:10AM (First 50 Registered receive 41th Annual commemorative ski bib) flat to rolling terrain.



Adult Race Classic technique 12.5km and 25km start 10:30AM.
Adult Race Skate technique 12.5km and 25km start 11:00AM.
Children's Races distance age appropriate start 1:30PM. Register on-line at zapevent.com or at William O'Brien visitor center the day of the race.

For more details contact Everett Myers @ 651-644-2800 or email at everett@fruitshare.com

Public Trail Announcement

Dear Citizens of Marine on Saint Croix,

The Marine on Saint Croix Trail Association has created a new recreational trail for public use. This trail was cleared and will be maintained by this all volunteer organization. The trail is located on the north side of Old Guslander Road approximately .2 miles west of the intersection of Broadway and Old Guslander Road. The trail can be used for hiking and cross country skiing. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made this happen and for providing our citizens with another recreational opportunity that comes at no cost to The City and it's taxpayers.

Sincerely, Chris Mowery - City Council Member

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 the trails in Jackson Meadow are designated Seasonal Use for cross country skiing. Cross country ski ONLY trails have "No Walking" signs posted at major intersections. Please use these trails only for cross country skiing. Separate groomed walking trails are also available in Jackson Meadow during the ski season.



New library hours will begin in mid-January:

Monday 10 - 1
 Tuesday 4 - 7
 Wednesday 4 - 7
 Thursday 10-1, 5-8.
 Friday 5 - 8
 Saturday 9 - 12

New Community Library

Community Library will have weekend and evening hours!

A new partnership between Washington County, the City and local residents (the Marine Library Association) means our library will remain open, but with a changed format. Patrons will be able to choose from shelved books or will still be able to order via the County internet catalog. The Marine Community Library will be staffed by volunteers from May, Scandia and Marine, with books supplied by the County (a small 'browsing library' to be rotated throughout the year) and through donated books. Books requested through the internet catalog can be picked up from the 'hold' shelf, or you can request the books be delivered to the new express lockers, located outside the Village Hall.

Be sure to join us at the **Grand Opening, January 20 - 21!** Come see the 'new look' of the library, meet and join our volunteers, join in the activities and story hour and of course, check out some books. Our new community library is the result of hard work by our City Council and local volunteers, and the long term success will only be ensured by interested citizens volunteering and supporting the library. We'll need help cleaning and painting the library space from January 3 - January 9, call or email Sue Logan subylogan@msn.com 433-0007 or Robin Brooksbank rwbrooksbank@cs.com 433-5569 to volunteer or to get more information, or to donate good books. Keep reading!

Business Recognition

Featuring
Olives Pizza Bar

11 Judd Street
 Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
 (651) 538-2124
 Hours: Thursday - Sunday 5 to 9pm



What began in a little brick and stucco building on a corner in Marine on St. Croix, has become a St. Croix Valley Tradition.

When Olive's Pizza Bar opened its doors on July 3, 2010, pizza entered a whole new world. It has been a long hard road. But with the help of all the staff mostly from the Marine and Scandia area and support from all the customers, from here and beyond, Olive's is very grateful!

At Olive's Pizza Bar, we truly believe the emotion put into preparing food affects its final quality and taste. We strive to prepare homemade, fresh and creative pizzas to be enjoyed in a relaxing gathering place with good friends and family.

Joining us for a wood-fired pizza and glass of wine, not only stimulates the senses but eases the mind and allows you to completely unwind, as you enjoy a truly memorable dinner experience.

Thanks to all,
 Olive's Staff

Join us on Facebook: Olives-Pizza-in-Marine



Marine Restoration Society



Next Meeting: 7:00 pm—City Hall

◆ January 10, 2012—Stakeholders Annual Meeting

The Marine Restoration Society is currently meeting to discuss and review with the City of Marine, the Historical Structures Report that was prepared through grant money from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, part of the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grants. We will be reviewing recommendations and deciding the next steps to take in restoration of the Village Hall. Stay tuned for more info after the first of the year.

Butch Thompson
Home for Christmas

Once again the Marine Restoration Society sponsored the Butch Thompson "Home for Christmas" concert on Sunday Dec 4th. Butch, a renowned jazz pianist who grew up in Marine and got his first taste of performing on the Marine Village Hall stage, returned again this year to support the Marine Restoration Society's fundraising efforts which continues to benefit the preservation of the City Hall. An evening of music, stories, laughter and a visit from Santa was enjoyed by all. We are grateful to Butch for his continued support. Thank you to those who attended and supported the Marine Restoration Society.

Historical Walking Tour Maps are still available at Marine General Store and City Hall. Proceeds from the sale of the map support the work of the Marine Restoration Society. **NEW!!** We also have a limited supply of flat maps (unfolded) suitable for framing. If you are interested in these please contact the City office at 651-433-3636 during normal business hours.

Preserve, Protect and Promote

The Marine Restoration Society (MRS) annual campaign raises funds to assist in our vision to support a healthy and sustainable community with historical awareness. The Marine Restoration Society is a 501(c)(3) non profit tax deductible organization and your contribution is tax deductible.

Our volunteer driven organization supports efforts that restore and maintain the historic character of Marine's public buildings, land and viewsapes.

Please consider making a contribution to the Marine Restoration Society

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Email _____

_____ I (we) would like to make a contribution\$ _____

_____ I (we) would like to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

Please make your check payable to
Marine Restoration Society
P.O. Box 131, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

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

NEW Marine Post Office Hours

Window Hours 8:15am—12pm & 1:pm—4:30pm Monday –Friday, 10:30am—12:45pm Saturday

**2012 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF
OFFICE HOURS**

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

City Council

Glen Mills, Mayor
433-5879
Peter Marker, Council
433-4197
Karl Benson, Council
433-3471
Chris Mowery, Council
433-3308
Bill Miller, Council
433-5354

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Planning Commission

Jack Warren Acting Chairman
Kristina Smitten
Ron Brenner
Andy Creager
Gwen Roden
Gerry Mrosta

***The Planning Commission
is looking for a Chairman to
run the Planning Commis-
sion meetings..***

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.