

City of Marine on St. Croix

Dates to Remember

City Council Meeting

Thursday, January 10,
7:00pm - Village Hall

John Gorka Concert - Saturday January 12 - 7pm Village Hall

City Office Closed Monday January 14, observance of Martin Luther King

Planning Commission - Tuesday January 29, 7:30pm - Village Hall

42th Annual Marine/O'Brien Cross Country Ski Race

January 27th, at - William O'Brien State Park Trail Center

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

City Office Closed February 18th, - President' Day

Planning Commission Tuesday February 26th, 7:30 pm Village Hall

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

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

MOSC NEWSLETTER
Email? Or
US Postal Service?

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

MOSC Times

Happy New Year

General	Mayor 2 year term	Glen Mills
Election	Council 4 year term	Lon Pardun and Mary Lusher
Results	Council 4 year term	Dan Willenbring

COUNCIL ACTION The City Council has set the proposed 2013 City Budget at \$714,098 This represents a 8.83% increase from last year. This will be the first budget increase since 2007.

ATTENTION

WINTER IS 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!

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.*



TREE PICK UP The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees on Friday, January 11th. Please leave them along the curbside.

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.



Marine Community Library

The Marine Library Association will have a First Birthday Celebration/Annual Meeting on Friday, January 18th at 6:30 PM at the Marine Village Hall. Bill Simpson will speak about his many travel adventures. We look forward to seeing you; all are welcome!

OTHER NEWS: The raffle of Jim Dimmers' painting was very successful, raising over \$1,800 to support the library. The lucky winner was Peg Arnason. We are actively purchasing new books; stop in to browse, or check the website marinecommunitylibrary.org to see what's new. The library is staffed by 40 dedicated volunteers, who recently received refresher training on library operations. This training is supplemented by a Volunteer Handbook, written by Cheryl Johnson. We welcome more volunteers!

Looking ahead, we are planning several author events: William Souder will speak on February 1st about his well-received biography of Rachel Carson, "On a Farther Shore." On February 22nd, local author Ruth Willius will share with us her new children's book. Other possibilities are in the works. In April, we hope to host a Poetry event, giving voice to the many talented writers in our community. We need help in organizing this, so if you are interested, please leave a message at the library - 433-2820.

Hours:

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

Public Safety Department

Have a safe and Happy New Year

PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

John Gorka Concert

Marine Village Hall

Saturday January 12, 2013

7:00pm Village Hall

Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased at the Marine General Store

****** Proceeds will help the Marine Public Safety Department to purchase much needed equipment ******

Winter Fire Safety

The United States Fire Administration (USFA) and the [National Fire Protection Association](#) (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.



“As your Fire Chief I cannot stress enough the importance of a fireproof ash container for cleaning out your fireplace. In the last 5 years here in Marine there have been 3 fire related events where “cold” ashes were put into a combustible container and a subsequent fire resulted. Please, please put all ashes in a metal container and remove from the house and garage immediately.

In addition, smoke and carbon monoxide detector maintenance is critical. If they are battery powered, the batteries **MUST** be changed twice per year, (when you change your clocks is a good indicator), if they are electrically powered with a battery back-up, these too should have a fresh battery at *least once a year*, (give the old one to the kids or grandkids to use in a toy, etc.). This will help to insure the functioning of these devices and help to eliminate false alarms or low battery signals at 3 am. Housekeeping of these devices is also extremely critical, dust, insects, cobwebs all gather in, on and around these devices. Use the crevice attachment of your vacuum cleaner at least once per year to clean them, as well as around them, (when changing batteries is a good time to do this).

When replacing these units, save the little booklet of instructions so you can refer back to it regarding out of the ordinary or different signals it may be making. It may be telling you the battery is low, there is a problem with the house voltage, or the unit is dirty.

And finally, it is critical to remember that these devices have a limited life. If your smoke detectors are over 10 years old they are past the time they should be replaced, (8 to 10 years is maximum life), and carbon monoxide detectors have a life of 7 years or less. Dirty environments, dusty conditions, temperature extremes, (do you go away with the heat way down in the winter?), damp environments, all these conditions can contribute to significantly lower life expectancies of these critical lifesaving units. (All these devices have the manufacture date on the backside, if you don't know for sure when it was installed, use that to gauge it's life expectancy. When installing new ones, mark the installation date on the back with permanent marker.)

Remember, these devices **DO** save lives, yours and the ones that you love perhaps, so please take the time to maintain them, and they will silently stand-by watching over you.”

Art Fair Update:

Coming soon the 2013 Marine Art Fair applications on the City's Events Website (www.marineonstcroix.org)

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Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote build-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn-off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need a smoke alarm on every level of the home, inside each bedroom and outside each sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

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www.nfpa.org/education

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December 10, 2012

To: All Marine Residents

Re: Garbage Hauler Change

Dear Resident,

This letter is to inform you that the City's garbage hauling contract with Waste Management expires December 31, 2012. The City Council went out for bid proposals and after careful consideration, awarded Veolia the new City Garbage Hauling contract effective January 1, 2013.

There will be **NO** changes to the current garbage and recycling schedule. Mondays will continue to be the collection day, and recycling pick-up will continue to be every other week, just as it is currently.

The last pick-up with Waste Management will be Monday, December 31st. This is also the day Waste Management will collect both your garbage and recycling cans, so please leave **both** cans curbside. Veolia will then drop off your new garbage and recycling containers on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2013.

Our hope is to make this transition as smooth as possible. If for some reason there is an error in your container size delivered by Veolia, please contact the City office and we will make sure the issue is resolved as soon as possible.

Please feel free to contact the City office at 651-433-3636 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lynette Peterson
City Clerk



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 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 6, 2013, the Youth Ski League will meet Sundays from 1-3 pm through February 24, 2013. Families with kids from ages 3-13 are welcome. Cost is \$25.00 per child, maximum of \$60 per family. Ski passes are required for anyone 16 and older for \$6.00. Participants must have their own ski equipment. 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 6th - February 24th. Contact John at 651-439-1860 or email John_Dybvig@yahoo.com with questions.

42st ANNUAL

MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE "Minnesota's Oldest Ski Race" SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013



Adult registration starting at 9am with races starting at 10:30am. Children's registration beginning at 11:00am with races starting at 1:00pm. A Wood Ski Tour will start off the event. All abilities are welcome to participate!

For questions please email Everett Myers at everett@fruitshare.com or call 651-433-0500

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 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.

Marine Restoration Society



Next Meeting: To be announced

Stakeholders Annual Meeting: To be announced

Marine Restoration Officers:

President - Jennifer Holloway, Vice President - Ann Myers, Treasurer - Mary Fernstrum, Secretary- Sue Logan, Member at Large Megan Kavanagh

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

Butch Thompson

Home for Christmas

Once again the Marine Restoration Society sponsored the Butch Thompson "Home for Christmas" concert on Sunday Dec 16th. 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.

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 viewscapes.

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

Preserve, Protect, Promote

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

**2013 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF
OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00AM-4:30PM FRIDAY 8:00 TO 12 NOON**

City Council

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433-5879
Lon Pardun, Council
433-2130
Mary Lusher, Council
433-2653
Chris Mowery, Council
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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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Planning Commission

Gerry Mrosla, 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.