

City of Marine on St. Croix

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Happy New Year

Dates to Remember

City Council Meeting,

Thursday, January 9th ,
7:00pm - Village Hall

City Office Closed

Monday January 20th,
observance of Martin Luther King

Planning Commission -

Tuesday January 28th,
7:30pm - Village Hall

**43rd Annual Marine/
O'Brien Cross Country**

Ski Race- January 26th, at
- William O'Brien State
Park Trail Center

City Council Meeting

Thursday February 13th,
Village Hall - 7:00pm

City Office Closed

February 17th, - President'
Day

Planning Commission

Tuesday February 25th,
7:30 pm Village Hall

City Council Meeting -

Thursday March 13th, Vil-
lage Hall - 7:00pm

Planning Commission

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pm Village Hall



Nominations for Citizen of the Year

The City of Marine is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year for 2013. Please submit your recommendations and the reason for the nomination in writing to the City of Marine - PO Box 250, email mosc@midconetwork.com, by phone at 651-433-3636 or you may contact one of your City Council members.



ATTENTION

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

The City of Marine has 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!



TREE PICK UP

The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees on Friday, January 10th.

Please leave them along the curbside.

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.*

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



Hours:

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

The Marine Library has had two successful fundraisers recently: Lori Gordon and her musical friends with "Songs I'd Like Sung at My Funeral," and evening with Claudia Schmidt. Thanks to the generous artists and everyone who helped and attended!

The Marine Library Association's Annual Meeting/2nd Birthday Party will be held on Friday, January 24th at 7:00 at the Village Hall. There will be a brief business meeting followed by a guest speaker and refreshments. Everyone is invited!

On February 7th, there will be a talk at 7:00 in the Village Hall by Koa Kalia Yang, author of "The Late Homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir," a Minnesota Book Award winner. The Washington County Library has helped to arrange the talk under a program sponsored by the Minnesota Legacy Fund.

Join us on Friday evenings (5 to 8) in the library for cookies and cider this winter as you peruse your favorite genre. And check our website marinecommunitylibrary.org for recent acquisitions; our Collections group is thoughtfully adding new popular and well received materials on a regular basis.

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 2014 Marine Art Fair applications on the City's Events Website (www.marineonstcroix.org)

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- » Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- » Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- » Never use your oven to heat your home.
- » Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- » Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- » Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- » Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- » Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- » Test smoke alarms monthly.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**



Your Source for **SAFETY** Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

Historic Marine Mill Site Update, December 2013

Highlights of the past season include:

- The Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) increased annual funding for Mill Site improvements and extended funding through June 2015. Work done by the City or other vendors at the Mill Site is reimbursed with these funds.
- The trail behind the Marine General Store was resurfaced in collaboration with the Village Center Task Force. The resurfaced trail adds another entry point to the river to benefit both community members and visitors from the river, and is a preliminary step toward MHS goal of providing better interpretation of the Mill Site.
- Improved storm water flow in ditch on north side of General Store trail with labor provided by a Sentence To Serve Crew.
- Continued to water donated trees, as well as improve deer cages on the south side of the Mill Stream. We all look forward to removing the cages once the trees reach a "deer-proof" height.
- Continued the establishment of a short grass prairie by ruins on south side of Mill Stream.
- Met with Rep. Bob Dettmer and Sen. Karin Housley to lobby for MHS funding to extend the trail system at the Mill Site.

Upcoming:

- This winter we will be removing some potentially hazardous dead trees along the trail behind the General Store.
- Prairie flowers, donated by a local resident, will be planted in the spring in the short grass prairie section. We welcome volunteers to help with this planting.

Thanks:

- Thanks to all of those who have helped our efforts at the Mill Site, including Christ Lutheran Church members, the Village Center Task Force, the City Council, Jason Crotty and Tommy Boesel of Public Works, MHS, Anne Reich, the ubiquitous Jack Warren, Jim Schoeller and David Stephens.

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 inter-sections. Please use these trails only for cross country skiing. Separate groomed walking trails are also available in Jackson Meadow during the ski season.

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 after 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 5 , 2014, the Youth Ski League will meet Sundays from 1-3 pm through March 2, 2014. 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. Kids ski with others in their age and ability level. Volunteer coaches lead the kids in ski games, snow ski skill progression and develop fundamental skills that create the foundation for a healthy, life-long sport. register or sign-up during any Sunday starting January 5th - March 2nd. Contact John at 651-439-1860 or email John_Dybvig@yahoo.com with questions.

43rd ANNUAL

**MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE
"Minnesota's Oldest Ski Race" SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014**



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 Wooden Ski Tour will start off the event. All abilities are welcome to participate!

	Pre-registration	Race Day
Ages 5 & under	Free	\$12.00
Children	\$8.00	\$12.00 (max per family kids race \$20.00 pre-registration or \$30.00 race day)
High School & College Racers	\$12.00	\$17.00
Adults	\$30.00	\$40.00.
Wood Ski Tour	\$15.00	\$25.00

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

Marine Restoration Society



Next Meeting: January 14, 2014

Stakeholders Annual Meeting: January 14, 2014

Marine Restoration Officers:

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

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 8th. 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

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

**2014 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
Mary Lusher, Council
433-2653
Chris Mowery, Council
433-3308
Dan Willenbring, Council
433-2015

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

City Information

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City Events Website: www.marineonstcroix.org
Animal Control - Sherrill Reid
Home: 651-433-3033 Cell: 651-485-4892

City Staff

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

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.