

MOSC Times - Happy New Year

COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council has set the 2015 City Budget at \$776,298.29
This represents a 2.95% increase over last year.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year

The City of Marine is looking for nominations for Citizen of the Year for 2014. 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.

Planning Commission Update

The City of Marine would like to thank Andy Creager for the last 6 years of his time and knowledge along with his eager participation of volunteering on the Planning Commission. He has been a great assist to the city and the residents of this community.

Please welcome Scott Spisak as a new Planning Commission member.

Dates to Remember

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

City Office Closed Monday
January 19th, observance of Martin Luther King

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

44th Annual Marine/O'Brien Cross Country Ski Race- January 18th, at - William O'Brien State Park Trail Center

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

City Office Closed Monday
February 16th, - President' Day

Planning Commission Tuesday
February 24th, 7:30 pm Village Hall

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

Planning Commission Tuesday
March 31st, 7:30 pm Village Hall

MARINE ON ST. CROIX

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE



Join Us for the 175th Anniversary Finale!

- December 31, 2014 8 pm - Midnight at the Marine Village Hall
- Tickets: \$25 Per Person - Tracy 433-4957 and Marine General Store
- Price includes: Appetizers, 1 Free Drink & Midnight Champagne
- Wine & Beer for sale
- Dance to the Music of "Inside Straight"
- Time Capsule Surprise!

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!

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.



Minnesota
GreenStep Cities

Marine becomes a GreenStep City!

Marine joined the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program by City Council resolution at the December council meeting. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a free, voluntary, non-regulatory assistance and recognition program that helps small cities in particular achieve their sustainability and quality of life goals. GreenStep actions that our city can consider implementing fall into several categories, including buildings and lighting, land use, transportation, environmental management, and economic and community development. Specific GreenStep actions focus on cost savings, energy use reduction, environmental quality, economic vibrancy, civic engagement, and more. The program recognizes cities which accomplish certain goals at the League of Minnesota Cities annual conference.

If you'd like to help with Marine's GreenStep initiative, contact council member Mary Lusher at mary.p11@frontier.com or 433-2653. To learn more about the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program, visit: www.mnngreenstep.org.

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 2015 Marine Art Fair applications on the City's Events Website (www.marineonstcroix.org)



Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, **be fire smart!**

Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of



Keep portable generators outside, away from windows, and **as far away as possible from your house.**

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least **once a month.**



Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents **every year.**

Heating equipment is involved in **1** in every **6** reported home fires and **1** in every **5** home fire deaths.



Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least **10 feet** from your home and any nearby buildings.



Keep anything that can burn at least

3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, or space heaters.



Plug only **1** heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit www.usfa.fema.gov/winter/ and www.nfpa.org/winter/





Marine Community Library

It's been a busy autumn at the Library. We are especially grateful to Garrison Keillor for his return to Marine on December 9th for an evening of storytelling and song on behalf of the library. Garrison's reminiscences about life in Marine had us enthralled. Thank you to all who attended and volunteered for this remarkable gathering.

Other recent library events have included evenings with nationally known author Richard Leider and nature artist David Spohn, and the premier of *Not Done Loving*, a documentary film set right here in Marine, which was so popular that we hosted two showings.

The film was part of "Marine Documentary Night," a free six-film series of great docs with a Minnesota connection. The series is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

The next film is *Beyond the Divide*, Friday, January 2, at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall. *Beyond the Divide* is the story of how a mysterious peace symbol divided the community of Missoula, Montana for decades, and how a Vietnam veteran and a peace advocate reached beyond the polarization to find what unites us. It's a film about war, peace, and the courage to find common ground.

The remaining films in the series will be shown February 5 and March 5 with titles TBA. Mark your calendars!

Back by popular demand is "Oscar Shorts" night, when we screen the *real* Oscar nominees for Best Short Documentary. The tentative date is **Saturday, February 21st**. Watch for more information. Thank you to Gayle Knutson and Paul Creager for all their time and energy devoted to bringing great films and filmmakers to Marine!

Don't miss two other January events:

Sunday, January 18th, 2:00 PM at Christ Lutheran Church: "RiverSTories," co-sponsored by CLC and the library. Pine Needles Artist-in-Residence (2013) Susan Armington will facilitate local storytelling about the St. Croix River. You are encouraged to come to listen and perhaps share your stories during open mic. Ms. Armington currently has art displayed at the library and the church.

Friday, January 23rd, 7:00 PM at the Village Hall: "Third Birthday Party" (with cake!) and "Marine Library Association's Annual Meeting." A *very* brief business meeting will be followed by featured speaker Susan Leaf, author of *A Love Affair with Birds*. Ms. Leaf will talk about her biography of Thomas Sadler Roberts, who helped establish the Bell Museum of Natural History at the U of M in the 1870's, and who has connections to Marine.

We value YOUR input on the Marine Community Library. What do you like about the library, and how can we improve our collections, programs, space, hours, and more? Just write your comments on the IDEAS BOARD at the library, or email your suggestions to: info@marinecommunitylibrary.org. Thanks!

To find out about library collections, art and events, visit marinecommunitylibrary.org, watch for our iconic posters around town, follow us on Facebook, or get your name on the list to receive library announcements by email -- just contact Sue Logan at 433-0007. See you at the library!

Historic Marine Mill Site Update, December 2014

The new River Trail behind the General Store is a great way for residents, visitors, and canoe/kayak enthusiasts to access the beautiful St. Croix River. Soon they will be greeted by a National Park Service interpretive sign explaining that they are actually in a U.S. National Park: the St. Croix River National Scenic Riverway! The sign also will provide information about the Historic Marine Mill Site and the river. The National Park Service will designate the River Trail as canoe landing on their river maps, with the name "Marine Village Landing."

Mill Site volunteers have continued fostering the growth of desirable plants and trees and removing buckthorn and other invasives. The short grass prairie around the upper ruins is coming along, as is the "native plants garden" at the entrance to the River Trail. We've been very successful in these efforts, primarily due to the hard work of our team and support of the Marine community.

Fund-A-Tree donation tags have been made more prominent by mounting them on stakes by each donated tree.

The Minnesota Historical Society, owner of the Mill Site, has installed an attendance counter at the Mill Site. Attendance at Minnesota Historical Society sites is a factor in determining funding for their sites.

As always, a big thanks goes out to all who have helped improve this beautiful site in the heart of our village. Our core group is Anne Reich, Jack Warren, Jim Schoeller, David Stephens, Brian Gould, Tom and Yoka Omdahl and Jason Crotty and Tommy Boesel from Marine Public Works. If you see of any these folks in town, please give them a good old MOSC high five!

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.

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 4 , 2015, the Youth Ski League will meet Sundays from 1-3 pm through March 1, 2015. Families with kids from ages 3-13 are encouraged to join with their parents. Cost is \$30.00 per child, maximum of \$75 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 4th - March 1st. Contact John at 651-439-1860 or email John_Dybvig@yahoo.com with questions.

44th ANNUAL

**MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE
"Minnesota's Oldest Ski Race" SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015**



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! Please check www.skinnyski.com for more race information and pre-registration forms!

	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 information call 651-433-0500

TREE PICK UP



The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees on Friday, January 9th. Please leave them along the curbside.

Marine Restoration Society



Next Meeting: January 13, 2015

Stakeholders Annual Meeting: January 13, 2015

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 \$3. 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!

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

Preserve, Protect, Promote

Our foundation construction project will be completed by February. We are excited and looking ahead to new projects in 2015.



Butch Thompson 2014. Pictures by Gene DiLorenzo





Butch Thompson
Home for Christmas

Once again the Marine Restoration Society sponsored the Butch Thompson “Home for Christmas” concert on Sunday Dec 7th. 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 all his years of support. This was his farewell concert. Thanks to all who made it a special day.




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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

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.

**Agenda Items need to be
received five business
days prior to the meeting.**

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 Mroska, Chairman

Jack Warren

Ron Brenner

Gwen Roden

Kristina Smitten

Joyce Ritz

Scott Spisak

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

**Agenda Items need to be re-
ceived five business days prior
to the meeting.**