

# *MOSC Times - Happy New Year*

## **COUNCIL ACTION**

**City Council Meeting**

Thursday, January 14th, 7:00pm  
Village Hall

**City Office Closed**

Monday, January 18th  
Martin Luther King Day

**Planning Commission**

Tuesday, January 26th, 7:30pm  
Village Hall

**Marine/O'Brien Cross Country  
Ski Race**

Sunday, January 24th  
William O'Brien State Park

**City Council Meeting**

Thursday, February 11th, 7:00pm  
Village Hall

**City Office Closed**

Monday, February 15th  
Presidents Day

**Planning Commission**

Tuesday, February 23rd, 7:30 pm  
Village Hall

**City Council Meeting**

Thursday, March 10th, 7:00pm  
Village Hall

**Planning Commission**

Tuesday, March 29th, 7:30 pm  
Village Hall

The City Council has set the 2016 City Budget at \$835,528.94  
This represents a 6.3% increase over last year.



### **Nominations Citizen of the Year**

The City of Marine is looking for nominations for 2016 Citizen of the Year. Please submit your recommendations and the reason for the nomination in writing to the City of Marine - PO Box 250, email [mosc@midconetwork.com](mailto:mosc@midconetwork.com), by phone at 651-433-3636 or you may contact one of your City Council members.



## ***ATTENTION***

WINTER HAS FINALLY COME...

Please remember that the City of Marine has an ordinance regulating the placement of snow on streets and sidewalks.

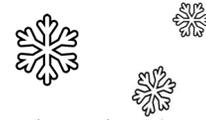
The ordinance is as follows:

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.

## FUN FACT

Because snow crystals are so lightweight, it may take hours for them to flutter to the ground. The average snowflake falls approximately 3mph

## 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 can interrupt electrical service which cause people to turn to alternative heating sources, these also increase the risk of fire in the winter.

The use of wood burning stoves, fireplaces and space heaters are among the alternative heating sources often used. While these methods of heating are acceptable, their use comes with increased fire risk. 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](http://www.nfpa.org) at the National Fire Protection Association will give you fire safety tips that can help you to 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:

Look for information on the City's website for Art Fair information. [www.marine.govoffice.com](http://www.marine.govoffice.com)

## CSAH 4 Roadway Project Update

For the past 11 months, Marine on St. Croix staff and community members have been working closely with Washington County and their engineering consultant, SEH, to explore and plan for pavement and safety improvements on Ostrum Trail/Broadway St/Maple St (CSAH 4). The project kicked off in February and a public open house was held in May 2015 in order to meet with stakeholders and understand community goals, concerns, and opportunities to improve the corridor that would be responsive to the needs and vision of the greater community. A second public open house was held in October and presented multiple concept alternatives to the community for feedback and input prior to entering into preliminary design.

Following the 2<sup>nd</sup> open house, the preferred concept was advanced into preliminary design. In general, the concept includes rehabilitating the pavement on Ostrum Trail from the railroad bridge to Broadway Street and then reconstructing the Broadway Street/Maple Street roadway from Ostrum Trail to Hwy 95 with a hybrid of ditch drainage and curb and gutter drainage. The goal of this hybrid approach is to address the need for improved storm water drainage and treatment and improve pedestrian accessibility along the roadway while preserving the historic character of the area. In December, project staff hosted a neighborhood meeting for approximately two dozen property owners immediately adjacent to the corridor in order to review preliminary project details and refine the concept based on stakeholder input.

Major progress on the design of the project was reached in December when the design team successfully requested and received a Minnesota State Aid Design Variance for the curve on CSAH 4 at 5<sup>th</sup> Street, just west of Hwy 95. The State Aid Design Standard requirements are to reconstruct the curve as a larger, 30 mile per hour curve. The larger curve would have had substantial right-of-way and retaining wall impacts to the church and the property to the east. In response to community feedback and the unique context of the curve, Frank Ticknor the Washington County project manager and the design team successfully argued to the variance board that a tighter, slower 25 mile per hour curve was better suited to provide safe facilities and protect the historic character of the surrounding community while also providing new pedestrian facilities. The 25 mile per hour curve design that was granted through the variance process will be superelevated or “banked” toward the church property to help cars remain on the road as they go through the curve. This variance approval was an important step in the design process and a great example of project staff and the community working together to achieve context-sensitive solutions.

In the coming months, project staff will continue to refine the preliminary design and get ready to enter into the final design phase. *The next **Public Open House** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 2, 2016** at **Christ Lutheran Church** from **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**.*

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651-430-4319

For more information and to sign up for email updates, visit:  
[www.co.washington.mn.us/County4](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/County4)

## LIBRARY HOURS

**Monday.....10 - 1**  
**Tuesday.....4 - 7**  
**Wednesday.....4 - 7**  
**Thursday.....10 - 1 & 5 - 8**  
**Friday.....5 - 8**  
**Saturday.....9 - 12**  
**Sunday.....Closed**



During these cozy winter months, what could be more pleasing than hibernating with a great book? Whatever the weather, you can enjoy a mental vacation to a whole different world. Come check out the newest books at your local library. Preview the latest additions as well as great local events at the Marine Village Hall.

[www.communitylibrary.org](http://www.communitylibrary.org)

### Don't miss upcoming library events:

#### Thursday, January 7

Join us for **Marine Documentary Night's** free screening of **American Heart** by filmmaker Chris Newberry, who will be on hand for a Q/A. Presented in partnership with the Marine Film Society. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the film starting at 7:00 p.m.

#### Friday, January 22

It's our **4th Birthday Party!** Join us for cake and a talk by Lynne Moratzka of the Gammelgarden Museum about the history of our area. Lynne will do a show-and-tell with historical artifacts that will make the lives of early Swedish settlers come alive. Event starts at 7:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 4

Save the date for the next **Marine Documentary Night**.

#### Saturday, February 27

**Oscar Party!** Walk the red carpet and find your seat to screen this year's official **Live Action Shorts Nominees** the day before the real 88th Academy Awards. Who gets your vote?!

Marine Community Library is a unique partnership between the Marine Library Association, the City of Marine on St Croix and Washington County. We greatly appreciate the support of the City, County as well as the time and talents contributed by our volunteers.

If you'd like to volunteer at the library, please stop by or call the library at 651-433-2820.

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](mailto:info@marinecommunitylibrary.org) Thanks!

## Historic Marine Mill Site Update, December 2015

Next time you're in downtown Marine, check out the new Mill Stream Ravine trail at the Historic Marine Mill Site. New boardwalks have been built across wet spots and a loop trail is laid out, awaiting a layer of sandstone gravel. Walk down the River Trail behind the General Store to the Marine Village Canoe Landing, the new loop trail starts near the river and travels upstream almost to the waterfall below Judd Street. Future plans include an observation platform near the falls. Visitors are asked to stay on the trail to protect the fragile stream valley landscape and plant life.

Near the river at the start of the new loop trail, you are welcome to rest a spell on the new bench and watch the beautiful St Croix River flow by. This bench was installed recently in memory of Marine resident Dan Boardman, who loved the river.

Plans remain underway for the National Park Service to install an informational kiosk at the top of the River Trail. It will feature St Croix River and Marine history, provide info on enjoying and protecting the river and remind us that the St Croix is a National Scenic Riverway. **aka a United States National Park!**

Thanks to the Minnesota Historical Society, owner of the Mill Site, for its continued support. Appreciation goes to Marine Mill Site Committee volunteers Jack Warren, David Stephens, Anne Reich, Jim Schoeller, Tom Omdahl, Curt Moe, Peter Fernstrom and Brian Gould. Jason Crotty and Tommy Boesel also merit recognition for their continued assistance. New volunteers are always welcome!

Contact: Curt Moe 433-4265

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### Public Trail Announcement

**As the season 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 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.**



The City is requesting help of anyone willing to assist the kids in keeping the rink clear of snow. Please feel free to show up with shovels after each 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 8:00 p.m. When snow fall is over 4 inches or heavy and wet. City employees will assist in the clearing after they have all the roads and sidewalks clear.



Starting Sunday, January 3, the Youth Ski League will meet Sundays from 1-3 p.m. through February 21. Families with children ages 3-13 are encouraged to join with their parents. Cost is \$25.00 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 3rd - February 21st.  
Contact John at 651-439-1860 or email [John\\_Dybvig@yahoo.com](mailto:John_Dybvig@yahoo.com) with questions.

**46th ANNUAL**

**MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE  
"Minnesota's Oldest Ski Race" SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016**

Day of race adult registration starting at 9 a.m. with adult races starting at 10:30 a.m. Children's registration begins at 11 a.m. with races starting at 1 p.m. A Wooden Ski Tour will start off the event. All abilities are welcome to participate! Please check [www.skinnyski.com](http://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 8th.  
Please leave them along the curbside.

Marine Restoration Society



Annual meeting Tuesday January 12th at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, come find out about future projects and how you can be involved.

Marine Restoration Officers:

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



MN Trivia

- 1. Which of Minnesota's 67 state parks is most visited?
2. What species of tree was Marine originally logged for?
A) Red Pine
B) White Pine
C) Tamarack
D) Blue Spruce
3. What is the coldest recorded temperature in MN?
4. What was the largest single storm snow fall in MN?
5. Other than Lake Superior, what is the deepest natural lake in MN?



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

(Minnesota DNR)

1. Fort Snelling - 959,859 annual visitors 2. White Pine 3. -60 F February 2, 1996 near Tower 4. 46.5" January 6-8, 1994 near Finland 5. Lake Saganaga, Cook County 240

Answers:

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**City of Marine on  
St. Croix**

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Events: [marinonstcroix.org](http://marinonstcroix.org)

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

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**2016 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

Bill Miller, Council  
433-5354

Chris Mowery, Council  
433-4957

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**

121 Judd Street  
P.O. Box 250

Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

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City Website [marine.govoffice.com](http://marine.govoffice.com)

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

Animal Control - Sherrill Reid

Home: 651-433-3033 Cell: 651-485-4892

**City Staff**

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Jami Philip, 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

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.**