Spring Cleaning

Shred Day — Saturday May 11th 9am to Noon

Security State Bank will be sponsoring a “Shred it” day. There will be a truck available for paper shredding in front of the Bank.

Heavy Metal Day — Saturday May 11th 9am to Noon

Collection will be behind Security State Bank at the Wayside Park. You can find the list of items that will be collected, along with their prices, posted on the bulletin board in front of the Village Hall and on the City’s website.

School Property Public Meeting
Saturday, April 27th 10:30 am, Village Hall

A letter was sent out recently to all residents regarding a letter sent to River Grove Community School from their charter school authorizer, instructing the school that they need to remain at their current location at the Wilder facility for another 3.5 years.

Given the now longer time frame, the City believes it is prudent to consider additional, alternative uses for the Marine Elementary building and property. We want to provide the opportunity to more fully understand this information and engage in a community discussion, so there will be a Public Meeting on **Saturday, April 27th at 10:30 am**. We invite all citizens to bring ideas of possible uses of the building and property. We look forward to seeing you there.
Compost Site

Weather permitting, the Compost Site will be opening on April 20, 2019, for Leaves, Grass, Branches and Sticks under 4”.
The City asks that you please abide by the following:
• No garbage bags. (Please take all paper and plastic bags home with you)
• No Trash! (Please keep all glass, metals and plastics out of the compost pile)
• As always, the compost site will close during inclement weather.

HOURS:
Wednesday
noon to 7pm
Saturday
9am to 4pm

Burn Permits

Planning on doing a little burning this year? Before you burn any pile larger than 3x3, you must obtain a permit. The cost per permit is $5.00 for piles or $15.00 for a prescribed burn permit. Each permit is good for up to 3 consecutive days. You can contact the City office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday to obtain a permit. The permit holder must check with the Department of Natural Resources for current restrictions at http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/ firerating_restrictions.html and notify the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

REMINDER: Minnesota DNR burning restrictions typically begin in early April and run until the end of May. Please contact the City office for any questions regarding burn requests during this time.

Severe Weather Awareness Week

Severe Weather Awareness Week for the State of Minnesota is April 8th-12th. Each day of the week focuses on a different weather safety topic, from Lightning and Hail, to Tornadoes, and Extreme Heat. This is a great opportunity to review you and your family’s disaster plans and make sure you’re prepared.

The Statewide Tornado Drill will take place Thursday, April 11th at 1:45 & 6:45 PM.

Memorial Day

The annual Memorial Day Program will take place on Monday May 27th at 10:30 am at Oakland Cemetery.
Spring Wildland Tips
Residents are reminded to be attentive when grilling and having recreational fires, as well as to rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs that are considered flammable vegetation, remove any dead branches that extend over the roof, and clean up any debris around buildings. Mowing your lawn regularly also provides a buffer between you and natural wild land.

Spring Clean-Up Tips with Fire Safety in Mind:
· Test your smoke alarms monthly and change the batteries two times each year. Also test carbon monoxide detectors.
· Trim your trees and shrubs ensuring fire vehicles can get to your home.
· Dispose of old cans of paint and thinners and accumulated newspapers and magazines. Check the county’s website for times and locations to drop off household hazardous materials.
· Check the gauges on your multi-purpose fire extinguisher to make sure they are charged and ready to use.
· Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer. Poor maintenance allows lint to build up in the exhaust duct and may cause fire.
· When using ladders, check for safe and proper placement. Be aware of any obstructions, overhead wires, electrical, cable, phone and tree branches.

Speeding Complaints
As the snow melts away from our streets, the city is receiving an increase in speeding complaints. The roads are nice and smooth after last year’s construction project and one may have a tendency to unintentionally drive faster than expected. Please make a conscious effort watch your speed so law enforcement is not reminding you with a ticket costing you over $100!

2019 Fireman's Ball - Sat. June 15th, 5:30-10:30pm

Please reserve Saturday, June 15 from 5:30pm - 10:30pm, to support and celebrate the community!

The 2019 Fire and Rescue street dance is your chance to recognize the heroic efforts of our neighbors who volunteer on the Fire and Rescue Departments. Come spend a summer evening with your friends and neighbors in downtown Marine. You’ll enjoy Gordy's famous ribs, brats and beer. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Riverside Hitmen. There should be music to suit a variety of tastes.

Invite friends and family to join you for one of the safety department's main fund raisers, the success of which helps offset the department expenses in the City's budget.

2019 Marine Art Fair - September 21st & 22nd

Applications and more can be found at www.marine.govoffice.com
Trail Rules Reminder

Chapter 29 of the City Code outlines the use of trails within the City of Marine. Please pay attention to the signs stating the type of travel or vehicle not allowed.

Please also remember to clean up after your dogs as required by Chapter 5, Subd. 6 of the City Code.

Thank you!

Forestry Advisory Committee Looking for Members

The Urban Forest Task Force is looking for those interested in serving on a 3 member Forestry Advisory Committee which would report to the City Council on our current and future treescape. The Committee will also work together to develop annual Arbor Day activities and a community celebration. If you are interested in serving, contact John Goodfellow at jwgoodfellow@msn.com

Arbor Day is Friday April 26, 2019, and all of May is Arbor Month in Minnesota.

Want to help out with the Marine 3rd and 4th of July events? Volunteers are needed to:
- help distribute garbage and recycling cans, 12 noon Wednesday, July 3
- help clean up our Village. 7 am Thursday, July 4.*

*Bring your leaf blowers, rakes, gloves and good cheer to help clean up the streets!
The Marine General Store provides Coffee and Donuts.

If you would like more information about this or the Holiday Committee, please contact:

Charlie Anderson
651-592-9449 charlie.anderson@cityofmarine.org
OR
Gwen Roden
651-433-2908 gwen.roden@cityofmarine.org
Marine Mill Site News

The Marine Mill Site will soon awaken after a long winter’s rest. When the ostrich fern fiddleheads and Jack-in-the-pulpits poke out of the ground, it’s time for the Mill Site Committee to get back to work preparing for the new season’s visitors. Last year an estimated 3,813 people walked the Marine Mill upper trails, an increase of 15% over the prior year. A counter has now been installed on the River Trail to begin noting visitor traffic there.

Forest Stewardship Plan
Our work will be based on newly developed Marine Mill Forest Stewardship Plan Goals:
- Maintain and monitor planted trees for growth, competition from non-desired plants, deer damage, and pressure from the public use on site.
- Plant new trees as needed to continue the development of a native and diverse overstory.
- Begin replacing ash trees. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) will cause decline in the upland forest, possibly within the next 10 years.
- Maintain the vegetative buffer along Judd Street that serves as wildlife habitat, a visual buffer, and a natural wall that encourages visitors to use the designated walking paths.
- Monitor any newly established invasive and nuisance plant populations.
- Continue to preserve historic features on site through vegetation management.

Spring Work Plans
- Prune (professional arborist) the large elm tree that frames the Village Hall before spring thaw to help mitigate the risk of damage to the building.
- Replace the damaged deck and railing at the Mill Ruins Overlook (contractor) and install new benches (volunteers).
- Conduct spring cleanup, planting and pruning – volunteers welcome!

To volunteer or learn more about Mill Site activities, contact Anne Reich (433-1341) or Jim Schoeller (433-3440). We welcome your involvement in helping make the Historic Marine Mill Site a great place to visit and enjoy.

Mill Stream Day in Marine on St. Croix!
Marine on St. Croix, MN – MillStream Day will happen on Sunday, May 19, 2019, from Noon to 4:00 PM in Burris Park, near the Village Center in Marine on St. Croix. Come celebrate spring as it blooms in the St. Croix Valley. Fresh brook trout, layered with dill, lemon and butter, cooked to perfection, is offered for lunch, along with brats and side dishes. Food offered until it is sold out, so come early! This ever-popular trout lunch brings back aficionados year after year! Ice Cream Social.

Ribbon weaving dance of the Maypole is scheduled for 2:00 PM, and the exciting Morris Dancers are fun to watch all day. Music by local roots. Also featured are exhibits on etymology, fly tying, history, and many topics of interest.

CONTACT:
Win Miller
Millstream Association
winmiller@gmail.com
(651)431-8308
**Marine Restoration Society News**

**Next meeting:** (at Village Hall, Council Chambers): April 17th, 7 - 8 pm

Upcoming Marine Restoration Society events:

**June 1st**
Annual Progressive Dinner at Marine area homes to benefit the Marine Restoration Society projects. Watch for your invitation around the beginning of May.
Email [marinerestosociety@gmail.com](mailto:marinerestosociety@gmail.com) with any questions.

**June 26 - July 3rd**
Oakland Cemetery Restoration Project (currently under consideration)
Check [marinerestorationsociety.org](http://marinerestorationsociety.org) for updates

**July 4th**
Fourth of July Running Race (benefits Marine Restoration Society projects)
Race starts 9:15 am at Lions Park at Hay Lake School Picnic Shelter in Scandia.
Pre-register online [marine4thofjulyrace.com](http://marine4thofjulyrace.com) or register on-site 7:30 - 8:45 am.

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**Dog Licenses**

It’s time to renew your dog’s city license. Stop by City Hall (or mail) your dog’s rabies certificate and $2 to renew. Please make note that we need the rabies certificate and not the rabies tag. If you wish to view the City Code on pets, it is available on our website at [www.marine.govoffice.com](http://www.marine.govoffice.com)

**City of Marine on St. Croix - APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE ($2.00)**

**Name of Owner:** ________________________________

**Address:** ________________________________

**Phone Number** ________________________

**Name of Dog:** ________________________________

**Male ___ Female ___ Color:** ______________ Breed: ______________

**Date of last rabies vaccination:** ________________________

- Enclose a copy or certificate from veterinarian

**Name of Vet Clinic:** ________________________________

*Note: Dogs under 6 months of age are not required to be licensed.*

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Mailing address: PO Box 131
President: Megan Kavanagh
Vice President: Jane Powell
Treasurer: Loralee Di Lorenzo
Secretary: Ann Kirn
Organics Drop-Off Program

The organics drop-off program at the Washington County Environmental Center is now officially LIVE! Residents can drop-off bagged food scraps, paper towels, and more at the Environmental Center during open hours. Known as “organics,” these materials can be recycled into compost, a valuable resource that improves soil and decreases the need for fertilizers. The address and hours of the Environmental Center are:

Washington County Environmental Center
4039 Cottage Grove Drive
Woodbury, MN 55129

HOURS:
Tuesday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Closed on 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year’s Day

Similar to dropping off Household Hazardous Waste, residents will use the drive lane and an attendant will collect their bags of organics and give them an equal number of new bags in return, for free. As an incentive to participate, residents who sign up for our email notification system will receive a free starter kit. Starter kits are available for pick up at the Environmental Center during open hours. The email notification system will allow us to communicate directly with participants regarding any program changes or issues with contamination. To receive a free starter kit, residents must show proof of subscription to our email notification system. They will receive an automatic email from the system once their subscription is complete. The kit includes:

- Green, 2 gallon kitchen collection pail (w/ locking lid and handle)
- 10 compostable bags
- Instructions on what is and is not acceptable in organics
- Stickers and other promotional materials to post at home

Additional program information is available at https://www.co.washington.mn.us/organics

Stone House Museum

The Stone House Museum will be open from 1pm to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The museum collection includes many items, both those from early village life and more recent acquisitions. Since its opening in 1963, members of the Women’s Civic Club have served as curators and hostesses for the museum. Additional volunteers are needed and welcome. It is a pleasant way to get to know more about our community and welcome visitors, too. If you haven’t visited the museum, (located on 5th Street just north of the church), plan to do so this summer. If you have, come again! For questions or suggestions for the museum, or to plan a visit to the museum on a weekday, please contact Mary Smith at 651-430-1239 or email: museumstonehouse@gmail.com
AND THE AWARD GOES TO...!

The Marine Library Association and Marine Film Society did it again! The Oscar Party on February 23 was a gold statue success! The Village Hall was sold out—filled with folks who came to watch the five outstanding 2019 Oscar Nominees in Short Documentary. Showing great discernment, the audience again picked the winning film! The event was a fundraiser to help support Marine's Documentary Film Series.

Thank you to the many community volunteers who helped and the businesses who donated food and beverages, including Deb Black, The Brookside Bar and Grill, and River Moon Coffee.

UPCOMING ADULT LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs are held at Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix. Free. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.

*Lilacs in a Blue Bowl with Mary Fernstrum and Wendy Fernstrum*


Friday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m.

*Folk, Roots and Blues with Johnson and the No-Accounts*

LIVE at the Library! Join Julie Johnson and the No-Accounts on their search for the Midwest’s equivalent to the South’s rich roots tradition. Hear North Woods logging and voyageur songs, as well as unusual arrangements of folk, old country, and blues tunes. *Julie Johnson, flute and bass flute; Doug Otto, vocals and guitar; Andrew Druckery, vocals, resonator guitar, and mandolin.* This program is funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Friday, April 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

*Game Night - BINGO!*

Enjoy a night out playing games and meeting new people. Pizza and Popcorn: $5.00 suggested donation.

Saturday, April 13 – 9:00-11:00 a.m. plein air painting demo, 11:00 a.m. talk

*Watershed – with artist Greg Lecker*

Artist Greg Lecker will offer a free outdoor painting demonstration (plein air) in front of the Marine Village Hall (or under the gazebo in the event of rain). Drop by and stay for ten minutes or the full two hours – your choice. At 11:00 a.m., Greg will offer a brief artist talk on the topics of his residency and painting outdoors (talk will occur in the council chambers). Greg was a 2018 Artist in Residence at Pine Needles (St. Croix Watershed Research Station). His paintings are currently on display in Marine Community Library through April.
Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m.  
**Gunflint Burning with Cary Griffith**
Gunflint Burning is the story of the dramatic events around the Ham Lake fire of 2007, one of the most destructive wildfires in modern Minnesota history. Author Cary Griffith will lead us through key events of the fire as it unfolded, transporting us to the front lines of an epic struggle that was at times heroic, tragic, and sublime. Books will be available for purchase.

Friday, April 26th at 7:00pm  
**Celebrate Earth Day with Dan Chouinard**
Come and join in a rollicking sing-along of your favorite river and earth songs! Dan is well known as a pianist and accordionist, a mentor for a who's who of Twin Cities performers, an enabler of community singalongs and a writer of hit shows for public radio, concert hall and theatrical stage. Having grown up in Lindstrom, Dan has a deep commitment to the St. Croix Valley. In 2017, Dan brought his show Once Upon a River to Marine on St. Croix for a successful fundraiser for the Marine Library. Celebrate Earth Day with Dan Chouinard will leave you uplifted and even more in love with the St. Croix and our beautiful earth.

UPCOMING CHILDREN’S LIBRARY EVENTS

CHILDREN’S STORY TIMES

**SUPER STORY TIME BY SUZANNE** - Young children enjoy Suzanne's special books, songs, and activities at the library. Join us each 4th Thursday of the month through May at 10:30 a.m. in the library.  
**Dates**: Thursdays March 28, April 25, and May 23  
**Time and Location**: 10:30 a.m. in the library

SUMMER CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

**KICK-OFF CELEBRATION! Saturday, June 15th**
Don't miss this fun event, which will highlight summer programs with entertainment, activities, prizes, and more!  
**Date and Location**: Saturday, June 15, 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Marine Gazebo

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM, June 15 to August 23**
Read a book, submit a short form about it and be eligible for a weekly drawing. The reading program has been a huge success and donations for the program are much appreciated.

**SUMMER STORY TIMES**
Special stories and presenters with crafts and snacks at the Marine Gazebo.  
**Dates**: Five Thursdays - July 11th and 18th and August 1st, 8th and 15th  
**Time and Location**: 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Marine Gazebo

**SCIENCE/ART CAMP** for school age children. Each day a different science and art presenter will lead the children in activities. From 9:00 a.m. to noon each day.  
**Dates**: June 17-21 for children going into grades 1-3; June 24-28 for children going into grades 4-6.  
**Registration**: Required, however both sessions are FULL for 2019

**SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!**
Volunteers are needed to assist with many aspects of the summer programs. If you are able to help, please contact Ruth Willius at willius@frontiernet.net.
City of Marine on St Croix
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2019 City Council, Planning Commission and Staff
Office hours
Monday - Thursday 8:00AM-4:30PM Friday 8:00AM - 12:00PM

City Council
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Charlie Anderson 651-592-9449
Gwen Roden 651-433-2908

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

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Anna Hagstrom  Scott Spisak
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The newsletter is also available on our website at www.marineonstcroix.org
Thank you!