

City of Marine on St. Croix
MOSC TIMES



April, May, June 2021

Important Dates

- April 12-16 Severe Weather Awareness Week
- April 15 Statewide Tornado Drill; 1:45 & 6:45 pm
- April 8 City Council Meeting
- April 27 Planning Commission Meeting
- May 13 City Council Meeting
- May 22 Shred Day: 9-noon, Security State Bank
- May 22 Heavy Metal Day; 9-noon
- May 31 Memorial Day — Office Closed
- May 25 Planning Commission Meeting
- June 10 City Council Meeting
- June 29 Planning Commission Meeting

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**DOWNTOWN ROADWORK
 EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL**

Downtown roadwork is expected to begin the week of April 12th. This estimated date, like all others, depends on the weather.

The upcoming second phase of construction will focus on Judd Street south of Maple, and Maple west of Judd. Pavement will be removed and storm pipe will be

installed. Street base work is expected to take place through May. In May and June, curb, sidewalk, and a first layer of pavement will be installed on Judd Street south of Maple, and Maple west of Judd. The final layer of pavement along with striping is slated for mid-July into early August.



**MEMORIAL
 DAY**

Plans are in motion to hold the annual Memorial Day Program at Oakland Cemetery on Monday, May 31, at 10:30 a.m. Attendees are expected to respect social distance and mask measures per CDC guidelines. Plans may change if new concerns emerge with the pandemic. Any changes will be posted on marineonstcroix.org

Let Us Know How to Contact You

On occasion the city needs to contact residents about sewer, trash, and other day-to-day issues. Let us know the best ways to reach you.

Name: _____

Phone number : _____ _ Call _ Text

Email: _____

Clip this form and bring it to the dropbox outside the hall (121 Judd St), or mail it to PO Box 250, Marine. You can also email your preferred contact information to asstclerk@cityofmarine.org.

Marine Community Library

— Spring 2021 —

Marine Community Library Announces Limited Re-Opening



HOURS:

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	4-7 pm
Wednesday:	Closed
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	4-7 pm
Saturday:	9-noon
Sunday:	Closed

marinecommunitylibrary.org

The Library is pleased to announce that we are going to re-open our doors to limited, masked browsing and a chance to check out Washington County library books inside the library. We will be open weekly on Tuesday and Friday from 4 to 7 pm and Saturday 9 to noon for browsing, according to safety protocols. We will continue our Saturday morning curbside pick-up day.

Here are the key procedures to allow this:

- One family unit will be allowed in at a time, assuming all members feel well and are masked.
- Browsers will be limited

to 15 minutes, unless there is no one waiting to come in, and the time can be extended.

- Patrons who are merely checking out their Washington County requests may come in one at a time while there are browsers since the books and check out computer are right inside the door.

Library patrons can follow these browsing guidelines and visit during open hours.

Saturday morning from 10:30-12:00 will remain the only time to pick up curbside book requests, as has been occurring since last May.

All of this is subject to the health of the community and volunteer experiences with the reopening. Keep reading and support the library!!

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New Plans for Oscar Night

As a safety precaution, the annual Marine Community Library Oscar Night Fundraising Party will not be held this year, but you can still see the Oscar-nominated short films. Watch our website for details about how to watch these films in your home while still supporting the Library and Marine Documentary Night.

River Radio Continues

The current season of River Radio will continue to broadcast every other Saturday through May 15. Listen live online or anytime as a podcast. Details at marinecommunitylibrary.org.

CITY OF MARINE DEFENDS SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE

A Marine property owner, John P. Norusis, has sued the City challenging the City's recent adoption of a Short-Term Rental Licensing ("STR") Ordinance.

The City adopted the STR Ordinance after a lengthy process, which involved a substantial amount of public participation and comment, and is consistent with the regulations of other municipalities.

Paul Reuvers, through the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust, is defending the City in this litigation, along with City Attorney David Snyder.

Norusis sought a preliminary injunction to preclude enforcement of the STR Ordinance, which Chief Judge Douglas B. Meslow denied in an Order and Memorandum, dated December 23, 2020.

Significantly, the Court found Norusis was not likely to succeed on the merits.

The City will continue to vigorously defend the STR Ordinance and fully expects to prevail in this matter. The litigation process could take a year, or more, to complete.

MARINE SAYS 'FAREWELL' TO FAIR

It's the end of an era for Marine's annual art fair.

On January 7, Fire Chief Dan Malmgren told the Marine City Council that Marine Fire & Rescue had decided to move in a different direction for future fundraising.

Although some type of event is expected to take the art fair's place, no announcement has been made about what it will be.

The annual street dance will continue. This year it is slated for fall.

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKING TO REGULATE 4G AND 5G WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE

Marine continues to make steady progress toward a future with increased cellular reception in and around the village.

The Planning Commission and City Council met March 16 to discuss draft ordinances for 4G and 5G infrastructure. Planning commission members are fine-tuning the regulations, aiming to

balance increased need for wireless access with concerns about appearance and frequency exposure. They are working to have initial drafts ready for public review at the end of April.

The commission hopes to hold the public hearing in May, with potential approval by the city council in June.



PHASE ONE OF JACKSON MEADOW LAND RESTORATION IS IN THE BOOKS

Conditions could not have been better this winter for volunteer and contractor work to restore a remnant prairie in the north meadow parkland located at the north end of the Jackson Meadow neighborhood. With frost in the ground and a thin snowpack starting in mid-December Landbridge Ecological was able to mechanically remove woody species to achieve the ecological goal of making room for ancient plant cultures on the site.

From November to mid-January more than 500 hours of volunteer time was donated by more than a dozen resi-

dence. Activities included tree felling, hauling and burning in support of the contractor. With a two-and-a-half-year timeframe — contract oversight will continue in cooperation between the Jackson Meadow Open Space Committee and city staff into the fall of 2022.

The restoration has been funded by a MN DNR Conservation Partners Legacy grant. Spring and summer will bring planting efforts throughout the site, with a planned prairie burn in the fall. Stay tuned for future volunteer opportunities.

2021 Marks the Second Year of The Old Shed Project

The Old Shed Project is a historic preservation, grant award program designed by Wendy Ward. This program aims to incentivize and assist Marine on St Croix residents with the rehabilitation of the many, unique outbuildings in our historic town.

When neighborhoods are walked, you may see old barns, old privies, blacksmithing shops, garden or tool sheds, chicken coops, small garages, animal shelters, and other small, tucked away, vernacular buildings. These simple outbuildings served as workshops, shelters and storage areas that were once vital parts of homesteads, places to do critical life chores. A typical homestead would have 1-4 of these structures. As a community we are losing these defining buildings to demolition, replacement and neglect. Maintaining and keeping these distinct, small buildings helps keeps Marine Marine!

With many Marine homeowners prioritizing *home* maintenance, the Old Shed Project wants to give Marine homeowners the incentive, the knowledge and the ability to start the rehabilitation of an in-need outbuilding. The Old Shed Project aims to make it easier for homeowners to undertake historic preservation work on their property.

For qualifications and requirements, please go to theoldshedproject.org or go to our facebook page.

Restoration Society Update

No Progressive Dinner in 2021, but Society is Accepting Donations

The Marine Restoration Society has decided that the Progressive Dinner will not be held the first Saturday in June, which is its traditional date.

While more and more people are getting vaccinated, we believe that it is still too

soon to request that community members host people in their homes. We will continue to discuss ways to get our community together as the summer progresses.

The Society would happily accept dona-

tions in lieu of the funds raised by the progressive dinner.

They can be sent to:
Marine Restoration Society
PO Box 131
Marine on St Croix MN 55047

Trail Etiquette & Reminders

TRAILS & TAILS

Chapter 29 of the City Code outlines the use of trails within the City of Marine.

Keep an eye out for temporary signs

about types of travel or modes of transport not allowed. For example, bicycles or horses may be temporarily prohibited due to conditions.



BYOPB (poop bag) and clean up after your dog.

It's considerate, *and* it's required by Chapter 5, Subd. 6 of the City Code.

Finish the job by bringing the bag to a trash can rather than leaving filled bags on the ground.

COMPOST SITE

Tentatively, the city is planning to open the compost site in mid April.

Keep an eye out for postings, should the date change due to circumstances such as weather.

HOURS

Wednesdays
noon to 7pm

Saturdays
9am to 2pm

- **OK to bring:** leaves, grass, and twigs under four inches.
- **No sticks or brush.**
- **No garbage bags.** Please take paper and plastic bags home with you.
- **No trash.** Please keep all glass, metals and plastics out of the compost.
- As always, the compost site will close during inclement weather.

Burn Permits

PLANNING A BONFIRE?

You must obtain a permit before burning any pile larger than 3x3 — campfire size.

Spring burning restrictions are currently in flux, so check the DNR burning permit page (dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html) or call the city office for the latest.

When spring burning restrictions are in effect, no burn permits will be issued without a variance from the DNR. However, 3x3 recreational fires are still permitted.

Once restrictions are lifted, you must obtain a permit from the city office before burning any pile larger than 3x3 —campfire size.

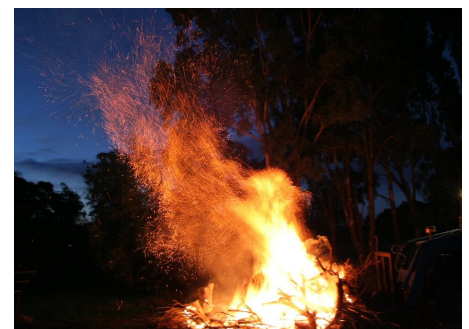
How to Get a Permit

To obtain a permit, contact the City

office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday.

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. Burning must take place between 6pm — 8am.

The permit holder must check with the Department of Natural Resources for current restrictions at www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html





MARINE MILL SITE – SPRING!

The sun’s energy is charging new growth at the Historic Mill Site in beautiful downtown Marine. The many trees planted by Marine area residents are leafing out, wildflowers are blooming, and there are projects to be done! You are welcome to join in on planting new shrubs, helping remove deer cages from around trees no longer needing them, and other fun activities.

And don’t forget to stop by and walk the trails to the overlook, through the restored prairie, or down to the river on the River Trail behind Marine General Store. Please take care to stay on the trails in this fragile bluff-land environment. Thanks!

To volunteer or for more information, contact: Jim Schoeller (433-3440) or Anne Reich (433-1341).

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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 note: 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: www.marineonstcroix.org. See chapter 5.

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

Name of Owner: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Name of Dog: _____
Male ___ Female ___ Color: _____ Breed: _____
Date of last rabies vaccination: _____ (enclose a copy of certificate from veterinarian)
Name of Vet Clinic: _____



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

They must also notify the Washington County Sheriff’s Office when they are going to burn.

City Council Recap

Street Dance Slated for Fall

Marine’s annual Firefighter’s Street Dance fundraiser will likely be held in the fall this year rather than June. With vaccinations currently underway for Covid-19, Marine Fire Chief Dan Malmgren told the city council in March that he expected more participation at a fall event.

No July Fireworks in 2021

A 3rd of July fireworks celebration will not happen in Marine for 2021, the city council decided in February. Ongoing concerns about Covid-19 make planning a high-turnout event difficult, even with vaccinations underway. However, plans are in the works for a parade similar to the one held in 2020. The council expressed optimism that fireworks would return in 2022.

Cemetery Prices Increase

Price increases were approved March 11 for lots and services at Marine’s Oakland Cemetery. Residents will now pay \$800 per lot. Nonresidents will pay \$1,500. Full details on pricing are listed on the city’s website: marineonstcroix.org/cemetery.

Council Broaches Land Acknowledgement

The Marine on St. Croix City Council has broached the topic of “land acknowledgement” of traditional indigenous territory. This type of acknowledgement is typically given as a statement at the beginning of meetings or events, by naming the tribe living in a given location before European settlers arrived. The proposal came from Marine councilmember Wendy Ward. Other council members were open to discussing the topic over time.

GreenStep Cities Update

Protecting the Night With Dark-Sky Friendly Lighting

What can you do to protect the darkness that pollinators, migratory birds, nocturnal animals, plants and people need for life and health while satisfying your lighting needs?

The specific purpose for lighting will guide your decision, but as a general rule, consider the following for dark-sky friendly lighting:

- Choose a shielded outdoor lighting fixture that directs light toward the ground. (See photos below.)
- Use a low wattage (20-40-watt) light bulb when that can be safely done.
- If you have a choice, choose a “warm” colored light bulb, which gives off less damaging blue light (learn more about the problem of blue light at <https://www.darksky.org/why-is-blue-light-at-night-bad/>).
- Turn off lights when you go to bed. If you need lighting for

someone coming home late at night, consider a motion sensor light or a programmable light switch (starting around \$25) that you can set to turn off at a predetermined time. You’ll save money, too!

Out for an evening stroll?

Check out some great examples of night-time lighting right here in Marine at the home of John and Gracie Waugh, Judd St.

Learn more about lighting options available to you

Visit Outdoor Lighting Basics at the International Dark-Sky Association website (<https://www.darksky.org>).



Photo: Rudi Randy Hargesheimer

Pathway Lighting



Photo: Jenn Cress

Garage Door Lighting

Forest Advisory Committee Update

Forest Advisory Committee Plans to Restore Landscape, Share Seedlings

A plan is in development for a landscape reclamation project for the area between Burriss Park and Hwy 95 which would involve removal of invasives and replanting.

In keeping with requirements to maintain the city’s Tree City USA certification, the FAC will celebrate Arbor Day with a proclamation. We also plan to distribute 50 white pine seedlings to Marine residents. Details to follow.

FAC is looking to recruit new members.
Contact peterjfostermpls@gmail.com



Watershed District Update

CHECK IN WITH THE WATERSHED DISTRICT

The Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District (CMSCWD) was formed by petition from citizens of the area in 1981 who wanted to ensure the long-term quality of natural resources in Northern Washington County.

Forty years later, the Watershed District's work with local landowners through voluntary conservation and permitting of construction and landscaping projects following water quality protection rules have helped maintain low concentrations of algae-growing phosphorus and protects high water clarity. In fact, CMSCWD has some of the highest quality waters in the metro area which support high property values.

Contacting CMSCWD's specialized staff can save you time and money planning your project and can also provide guidance on eligibility for cost share.






Yes.

You need a permit.

If you live on a lake, stream, river or wetland:

Contact the City of Marine on St. Croix and the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District before beginning your project.

		
Construction Additions "Moving Dirt"	Clearing trees or shoreline vegetation	Riprap Sand blanket Grading

Marine on St. Croix
651-433-3636
651-433-3659

Watershed District
651-433-2150
612-839-6492

Contact the CMSCWD at (651) 433-2150 or mike.isensee@cmscwd.org if you are planning any of the following projects:

- Shoreline or streambank project ;
 - Landscaping that changes drainage patterns (i.e. the direction the water flows) ;
 - Remodeling or reconstruction of any structures ;
- Constructing a structure (including patios and decks) within 1,000 feet of a lake or stream.

Seat on Watershed District Board will Open Soon

The term of office for Paul Richert, with the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District, expires on June 21, 2021.

If you wish to be considered for a position on the board, or to find out more about what the position entails, contact mosc@marineonstcroix.org by April 19, 2021. The city must submit its list to the board later that week, April 22, 2021.

SPRING CLEANING SAVE THE DATE: MAY 22

Shred Day

9 am—noon, Saturday, May 22

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

9 am—noon, Saturday, May 22

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.

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Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

We're on the web

www.marineonstcroix.org

2021 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF OFFICE HOURS MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00AM-4:30PM FRIDAY 8:00AM - 12:00PM

City Council

Mayor Kevin Nyenhuis 651-247-7399

Lon Pardun 651-433-2130

Charlie Anderson 651-592-9449

Gwen Roden 651-433-2908

Wendy Ward 651-301-0633

Council meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall and via Zoom. See marineonstcroix.org for links.

City Staff

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Suzanne Dammann, Assistant Clerk

Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493

Tom Boesel, Public Works

Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

Planning Commission

Chairman Gerry Mroska

Ron Brenner

Kristina Smitten

Anna Hagstrom

Jennifer Henry

Ed Sanderson

Tim Casey

Meetings are last Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. See marineonstcroix.org for links.

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Suzanne Dammann: asstclerk@cityofmarine.org**

**The newsletter is also available online:
www.marineonstcroix.org**