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COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council has set the 2018 City Levy at \$855,905.00. This represents a 2.32% increase over last year.

Important Dates

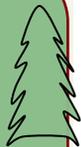
January 11 City Council Meeting

TREE PICK UP

January 12

The Public Works Department will be picking up Christmas trees on Friday, January 12th.

Please leave them along the curbside.



January 15 City Office Closed- Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 30 Planning Commission Meeting

February 8 City Council Meeting

February 27 Planning Commission Meeting

March 8 City Council Meeting

March 27 Planning Commission Meeting

Reminder of Winter and Snow Regulations

Snow on Streets and Sidewalks

The City of Marine City has an ordinance in place regulating the placement of snow on streets and sidewalks. The ordinance is as follows:

"Subd. 4. **PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING PEACE AND SAFETY.** The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety:
(1) 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!

Vehicles on the street

Marine on St Croix's parking regulations:

Subdivision 1. **PARKING:**

"It shall be unlawful for anyone to park vehicles, equipment or structures on a street or alley in the city between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. between November 15 and April 1 of the following year, those date inclusive."

Trash/Recycling Receptacles

When snow plow drivers are clearing roadways, any obstacle in the road poses a potential hazard to drivers and citizens alike. Snow plow drivers are forced to plow around the obstacle which causes snow to be plowed in a less than desirable fashion. Also of concern is that the obstacle may be damaged by the plow or snow that is being plowed.

Please be mindful and make certain that trash/recycling receptacles are NOT left in the street. Please make certain that they are placed in your driveway. Thank you!

Holiday Committee

Want to help out and be a part of the Marine 3rd & 4th of July events? Join the Holiday Committee! We are looking for new members to help out with setting up for the fireworks on the 3rd, putting up no parking signs, etc. Then on the morning of the 4th, helping with clean up, takedown, etc. before the parade.

If interested, please call Chris Mowery at 651-433-4957 or send an email to chris.mowery@marineonstcroix.org.

Marine Restoration Society Annual Meeting

Marine Restoration Society will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 at 7 pm at the Village Hall.

Marine Mill Site News

Marine Mill Site in Winter...



The Marine Mill Site rests quietly during the winter. With leaves off the trees, visitors can enjoy an open view of the beautiful St. Croix River and see how well the many white pines planted by our community are growing. Footprints in the snow indicate not only human visitors, but other locals — deer, rabbits, and squirrels. The Mill Site is a popular downtown destination — between May and September this year, 3,298 people walked the site!

It's hard to remember how the property was before Marine community volunteers began restoring it in 2010. It was nearly impenetrable with buckthorn and honeysuckle. Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped transform this historic sawmill site — the reason our village exists — into a community asset. In 2017, 11 volunteers, assisted by 18 Sentence to Serve workers, donated 255 hours of their time to maintain and improve the Mill Site. Thank you!

To learn more or get involved in Mill Site activities, contact: Jim Schoeller jrschoeller@gmail.com or Anne Reich reichmn@gmail.com.

Firearms Reminder

It is against the City Code to discharge a firearm within the limits of the City of Marine on St. Croix without a permit, which when signed by the Mayor, are approved for the purpose of hunting only. (Chapter 9, Section 1).

Hall Rental

Have an event coming up you'd like to have in Marine? The upstairs of the Marine Village Hall is available for rent for wedding receptions, dances, birthday parties, etc.

The maximum capacity is 165 people. There are 120 chairs and 12 banquet tables available for use. The facility is handicap accessible. There is a small, non-commercial kitchen, therefore any event must provide their own outside catering.

Fees and Deposits for Marine Residents are as follows:

**Upstairs Ballroom - \$300 per day
Council Chambers - \$50.00 per day
Set up day prior to event - \$50.00**

To find out availability or schedule an event, contact the City during regular business hours at 651-433-3659, or email mosc@midconetwork.com

Winter Fire Safety

Relaxing with a good book by the fireplace, wood stove, electric blanket, candle light or portable space heater is one of the pleasures in Minnesota. Did you know these heating sources are the leading cause of U.S. home fires, deaths and injuries? Here are some safety tips for ensure your pleasurable evenings continue:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from the heat source. This includes pets and children.
- Do not leave candles and portable space heaters unattended.
- Never use your oven to heat the house.



**ANNUAL MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018**

The Saint Croix Valley Ski Club is hosting their Annual Marine O'Brien Cross-Country Ski Race on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Skiers are invited to William O'Brien State Park located north of Marine on St. Croix, Minn. All proceeds from the race benefit the St. Croix Valley Ski Club youth skiing program.



Race Registration:

- Online through January 26, 2018, at <http://marineobrien.com/>
- Day-of registration-opens at 9:00 a.m. and will close 30 minutes prior to race start.

Wood Ski Tour	Pre-Registration:	\$35
	Race Day Registration:	\$40
Adult Classic or Skate	Pre-Registration:	\$50
	Race Day Registration:	\$60
College/Student Racer	Pre-Registration:	\$30
	Race Day Registration:	\$40
Kids Race (Age 6-13)	Pre-Registration/Race Day Registration:	\$10

For more
<https://>

[www.facebook.com/](https://www.facebook.com/contact)
contact Tara Tierney at tierney.tara@mayo.edu

information, go to

[MarineObrienSki/](#) or

ICE RINK

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 also looking for an ice rink attendant. Applicants must be at least 15 to apply. Contact the City office with any questions or for an application.

YOUTH SKI LEAGUE

If you are a family with kids ages 3-13, join the St Croix Valley Youth Ski League Sundays from 1-3 p.m. at William O'Brien State Park, Jan 7 through March 4. Kids and parents spend the afternoon skiing and playing games led by volunteer coaches. Focus is on development of fundamental ski skills and promoting fun and healthy winter activities.

Cost is \$25.00 per child. Ski passes are required for anyone 16 and older and are available at the Park Office. Participants must have their own ski equipment.

Register or sign-up any Sunday starting January 7th - March 4th. Contact Katie at catherine.brekke@gmail.com with questions.



GreenStep Cities News



Plastic Bags

What should I do with all my extra plastic bags? Recycling them keeps them out of rivers and landfills, and Marine on St. Croix has a handy drop-off point right in our downtown — Marine General Store. Just place your clean, used plastic bags in the gray bins that are on the north-side loading dock. The General Store's wholesale service collects bags for recycling into fencing, construction materials, new plastic bags, and more.

What Bags Can I Recycle?

Clean, dry bags are accepted, including plastic retail, grocery, newspaper, produce, dry-cleaning, bread, and salt bags (no handles or residue), and plastic from around paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, napkins, etc. Please remove strings or rigid closing mechanisms. No bubble wrap, six-pack holders, boat wrap, or black plastic.

Other ways to reduce plastic bag waste:

Use Tote Bags!

Simply bring your own tote bag to the store. They are stronger, hold more, and last 5-10 years, much longer than the one-time use for most plastic bags. Many retailers, including Marine General Store, give you credit at the cash register for bringing your own bag.



Re-Use Plastic Bags

If you do have plastic bags, be sure to extend their useful life by reusing them for produce, trash can liners, pet waste or other purposes.

Marine's GreenStep Cities Committee celebrates actions large and small in our community that help promote sustainability and improved quality of life. For more information, contact Anne Reich, reichmn@gmail.com. To learn more about the MN GreenStep program, visit: www.greenstep.pca.state.mn.us

Marine's Urban Forest Taskforce

The Marine Urban Forest Taskforce is working to achieving Tree City USA recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation. There are some key requirements to becoming a Tree City USA, including having a manage plan, an ordinance, and an Arbor Day Celebration. We have collected examples from other Tree City USA communities, and will be adapting what we think will work for our community. The Taskforce and River Grove Elementary will be working together to develop Arbor Day activities for students and a community celebration. Arbor Day is Friday April 28, 2018, and all of May is Arbor Month in Minnesota.

There are opportunities for participation. Contact Lynette if you are interested in getting involved.



Marine Community Library News



HOURS:

Monday 10-1
 Tuesday 4-7
 Wednesday 4-7
 Thursday 10-1 & 5-8
 Friday 5-8
 Saturday 9-noon

Thank You — Annual Fundraising Campaign

Thank you to everyone who made Marine Library Association's 2017 Fundraising Campaign such a big success! Our entire community benefits from Marine Community Library, made possible by continued strong support from our wonderful donors, city staff and council.

Marine Library Wins Award

Marine Library Association (MarLA) won the Minnesota Association of Library Friends 2017 Evy Nordley Award for Best Project. Mary Burke, Lorelee DiLorenzo, and Sue Logan attended the Association's annual meeting in Rochester and accepted the award plaque and \$1,000 cash prize.

The Evy Nordley award recognizes a library friends group for a creative programming or fundraising idea for their library. MarLA won the award for the *Once Upon a River* performance held at the Village Hall in October, 2016.



New Book Club Option

We would be happy to host a new book club at the library. Please let us know if you are interested. Sign up at the library, or contact us at: 651-433-2820, info@marinecommunitylibrary.org. If there is enough interest, we'll set up a meeting to help the new club get organized.

Volunteers are Key!

Marine Community Library is 100% volunteer run. You are invited to become part of all the good things that are happening, such as being a librarian (training provided!), serving on the board, helping with kids summer programs, planning evening programs, helping with refreshments, etc. For info on volunteer opportunities, contact: Mary Burke, mryburlyl@aol.com.

Special thanks to Deb and Jeff Black for hosting the library's annual Volunteer Appreciation Event at their home in September. It was a wonderful celebration of community.

Marine Community Library, Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street, Marine on Saint Croix, MN

MarineCommunityLibrary.org ~ MarineLibraryAssociation.org

651-433-2820

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Upcoming 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, January 4, 2018, 7 pm — *Marine Documentary Film: Alive and Kicking*

Alive and Kicking showcases the dynamic culture and cathartic power of swing dancing from its historic origins in the Great Depression to its impact today. Boiled down to its core, swing dancing is the pursuit of happiness. The film follows professionals and enthusiasts as they find joy through dance, giving an insider's view into the exhilarating world of swing.

Friday, January 19, 7 pm — *Creating the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway -- Celebrating 50 Years! + Marine Community Library Birthday*

Join us for a celebration of both the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway's 50th anniversary and Marine Library's 6th birthday! Special guest, Julie Galonska, new Riverway superintendent, will tell the tale of how the beautiful St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers, once manipulated and harnessed for the logging industry, became America's first wild and scenic river national park.

Thursday, February 1, 7 pm — *Marine Documentary Film: To Be Announced*

Saturday, February 24, 7 pm — *Oscar Party! 2018 Live Action Short Films*

Save the date for this annual gala fundraising event! We will screen this year's five Oscar nominees in Live Action Short Film, then select our winner. Watch for a future email notification about ticket sales. Proceeds help support the Marine Documentary Film Series.

Children's Programs

FAMILY GAME NIGHT! Join your neighbors and meet new families for a night of games, pizza, and popcorn. Bring your favorite game, if you wish, and teach others. The library will supply some games as well. Friday, January 26, 5:30-8:00 pm. Free. At Marine Village Hall.

SING PLAY LEARN with MacPhail Center for young children. Explore musical concepts through fun songs, instruments, drama, and creative movement. Saturday, February 3, 10:00 am (event limited to 20). At Marine Village Hall. *Registration begins January 1* on the Washington County Library website: <https://www.washcolib.org/>

SCIENCE/ART CAMP for school age children. Each day a different science and art presenter will direct the students in activities. 9:00 a.m. to noon. Dates: June 11-15 for children going into grades 1-3; June 18-22 for children going into grades 4-6. Location: in and around downtown Marine. *Registration required, starts February 1.* Register at: <http://marinecommunitylibrary.org/>

City of Marine on St Croix

121 Judd Street P.O. Box 250
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We're on the web

www.marineonstcroix.org

2018 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00AM-4:30PM FRIDAY 8:00AM - 12:00PM

City Council

Mayor Glen Mills 433-5879
Lon Pardun 433-2130
Bill Miller 433-5354
Chris Mowery 433-4957
Dan Willenbring 612-599-1219

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

City Staff

Lynette Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer
Kiersten Young, Assistant City Clerk
Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493
Tom Boesel, Public Works
Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

Planning Commission

Chairman Gerry Mrosla
Jack Warren Ron Brenner
Gwen Roden Kristina Smitten
Scott Spisak Anna Hagstrom

*Meetings are last Tuesday of each month
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.*

Did you know?



The City offers the newsletter through email to help save on mailing costs. If you are interested in having the newsletter emailed to you, please email Assistant City Clerk Kiersten Young at kyoung@midconetwork.com.

The newsletter is also available on our website at www.marineonstcroix.org

Thank you!

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