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COUNCIL ACTION:

The City Council has set the final levy for 2019 at \$885,334.92, which represents a 0.03% decrease from 2018.

Important Dates

- January 10 City Council Meeting
- January 11 Christmas Tree Pick-Up (Leave on Curbside)**
- January 21 City Office Closed-Martin Luther King Jr Day
- January 29 Planning Commission Meeting
- February 14 City Council Meeting
- February 18 City Office Closed-Presidents Day
- February 26 Planning Commission Meeting
- March 14 City Council Meeting
- March 26 Planning Commission Meeting

Serve on the Planning Commission!

The Planning Commission currently has two vacancies. If you are interested, please submit a resume and Letter of Interest to the City by January 25.

Short Term Rentals Update

In the coming months, the Planning Commission will be discussing the impact of Short Term Rentals on the City of Marine, including researching the impact and considering a recommendation to the City Council regarding future regulation of Short Term Rentals. Citizens are encouraged to share input by emailing the City Clerk, and/or attending a Planning Commission meeting. A community meeting to further gather input from the community on this topic will be scheduled in Spring of 2019.

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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 years old to apply. Contact the City office with any questions or for an application.



ATTENTION: WINTER REMINDERS

Snow on Streets and Sidewalks

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

Ch. 8 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 Winter Parking Regulations:

"It shall be unlawful for anyone to park motor 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." (Chapter 24, Subd. 1)

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!

Fire and Rescue News

Holiday Fire Safety

The holiday season has snuck up on us again, and many of us have picked out decorations for our house, including a freshly cut tree. Christmas trees cause an annual 200 house fires a year, six deaths, and 16 injuries according to the National Fire Protection Agency. Make sure to water your tree daily and keep the bottom trunk in water. Also keep the tree away from heat sources such as fire places and space heaters.

Besides direct heat sources, plugging all of the holiday lights into one extension cord or electrical socket is another risk. To reduce your chance of an electrical fire, spread your holiday lights around the house to other circuits. It makes the rest of your house more festive and increases your safety.



Have a happy New Year!

Marine Mill Site News



Jack Warren

The Mill Site Committee, and all of Marine, will deeply miss Jack Warren, who gave so generously of his wisdom, energy and humor.

Jack, along with Chuck Arnason, James Dunn, and others, saved the Mill Site from commercial development in 1969. According to Jack, the group "organized a rather tenuous and self-funded arrangement to take the property off the market and hold it until state funds could be authorized. The Minnesota Historical Society was able to take possession in 1972. A foundation grant enabled the later incorporation of the Blackstone Hotel property [just south of the Mill Stream], and the removal of a large but deteriorating structure that had replaced the hotel. The Burriss family transferred the mill pond parcel to the City of Marine on St. Croix, which brought the major parts of the Mill Site into the public domain, making it available for future interpretation and enjoyment. Minnesota Historical Society constructed interpretive signs and plantings in 2001 and 2002, but limited funds prevented appropriate maintenance. In 2010, the City and Society partnered to make the site more accessible and to enhance both preservation and interpretation." Thank you, Jack!

Forest Stewardship Plan

A new Marine Mill Forest Stewardship Plan is now available from the city clerk. The plan was commissioned by Minnesota Historical Society and developed by a Department of Natural Resources Forester. The DNR became involved in the project due to the significant community volunteer engagement with the Mill Site. A key recommendation is to begin a systematic, multi-year removal of ashes in anticipation of mortality from Emerald Ash Borer, and replacement of removed trees. A Sentence to Serve team assisted with the first removal of ashes in early December.

Overlook Deck

The Mill Site Committee also is working with MNHS to replace the damaged deck at the overlook. Huge thanks to Larry Whitaker and Curt Moe for the time they've given to this project. The committee also aims to install new benches, made by Mike Tibbetts, near the overlook.

Our committee welcomes new members — just call Jim Schoeller (433-3440) or Anne Reich (433-1341) for more info. Current members are Curt Moe, Larry Whitaker, Tom Omdahl, David Stevens, Jim Schoeller, and Anne Reich.

ANNUAL MARINE/O'BRIEN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI RACE SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

The St. Croix Valley Ski Club is hosting their Annual Marine O'Brien Cross-Country Ski Race on Sunday, January 27, 2019. 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, 2019, at <http://marineobrien.com/>
- Day-of registration-opens at 9:00 a.m. and will close 30 minutes prior to race start.



For more information, go to <https://www.facebook.com/MarineObrienSki/> or contact Christian Brekke at cdbrekke@gmail.com

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

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 6 through March 3. 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 6th - March 3rd. Contact Katie at catherine.brekke@gmail.com with questions.



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
- Cleaning Fee—\$100.00

To find out availability or schedule an event, contact the City during regular business hours at 651-433-3636, or email mosc@cityofmarine.org

Green Step Cities



The take home message from recent workshops attended by Marine's GreenStep City committee members is that "city and community energy use and planning needs to become a routine component of local planning." Fortunately, Minnesota's GreenStep Cities program exists to help cities like Marine achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals.

GreenStep reps from Washington County cities, including Marine, have joined County staff for two *County Energy Planning Team* meetings this past fall. The county now has 12 GreenStep cities, representing over 75% of the population. Marine volunteers also attended a *City Energy and Climate Action Planning Workshop* in St. Paul. We learned about amazing tools available for helping cities understand their energy use and vulnerabilities to climate events, and how to plan.

We're also participating in the *Cities Charging Ahead Cohort* — 28 GreenStep cities working together across the state to explore Electric Vehicle readiness. EV's are here, and it is in our interest to be knowledgeable, prepare, and participate. As part of this collaboration, Marine General Store applied for an MPCA VW Settlement Grant to install an EV Level 2 charging station (we're waiting to hear!). This grant opportunity was available because Marine is a GreenStep City.

Marine's GSC committee thanks its outgoing City Council liaison, Chris Mowery, as well as City Council, City Staff, and community volunteers and cheerleaders for all the good work!

You are invited to join in on helping our city become more sustainable! Just contact Anne Reich, 433-1341. Also, visit: <https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/>

Urban Forest Task Board



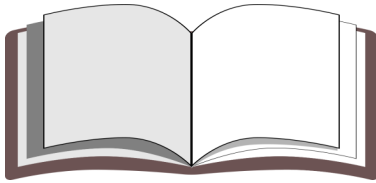
The Urban Forest Taskforce has completed it's work, and an application has been submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation for Tree City USA recognition.

Marine's new Forest Management Plan and Chapter 16 of the City Code call for establishing a Forest Advisory Committee. If you are interested in getting involved and participating in:

- Developing a response to the pending invasion by Emerald Ash Borer
- Tree Planting
- Planning an Arbor Day Celebration

Contact John Goodfellow at jwgoodfellow@msn.com

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

Happy Winter from Marine Community Library! Our great little library is a wonderful place to go for a break from wintry weather. Join us for upcoming events and be sure to stop by the library, say "hello," and browse our ever-changing collection.

UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Programs are held at the Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix. Free. All are welcome.

Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Marine Documentary Films: My Last Breath, The Ragman, & Beneath the Ink

Three short films by Cy Dodson. Dodson's films have screened at numerous film festivals across the U.S. and garnered several awards including a Midwest Regional Emmy for Best Documentary. *Beneath the Ink*, Dodson's most recent documentary short, takes a timely look at hate and racism in the western foothills of Appalachia.



Friday, January 11 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Game Night!

Family Game Night is now *Community Game Night* at the library. Everyone is encouraged to come enjoy a night out playing games and meeting new people. Every second Friday of the month from 5:30 to 8:00 pm (January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10). Pizza and Popcorn: \$5.00 suggested donation per person.

Friday, January 18 at 7:00 pm

St. Croix Crossing -- 7th Birthday Celebration

An evening of entertainment by the award-winning barbershop quartet, *St. Croix Crossing*. One quartet member is our Marine neighbor – Jared Hoke. We'll also eat cake to celebrate Marine Community Library's 7th birthday.



Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 pm

Marine Documentary Film: To Be Announced

Friday, February 8 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Game Night!

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

Saturday, February 23 at 7:00 pm

Oscar Party! 2019 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.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS 2019

Kick-Off Celebration, Saturday, June 15, 10:00 am to noon. Events will highlight summer programs with entertainment, activities, prizes, and more. At 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 were much appreciated. **Please consider donating to this coming summer's reading program!**

Science/Art Camp for school age children. Each day a different science and art presenter will lead the children in activities. From 9:00 am 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.

Location: In and around downtown Marine.

Registration: Required, begins February 4. Register at marinecommunitylibrary.org

Volunteers are needed to assist with many aspects of the summer programs. If you can help, please contact Ruth Willius at willius@frontiernet.net.

THANK YOU! ANNUAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Why did Marine Library Association receive a "sitting ovation" from the audience at its November evening program? Because everyone was happy to be sitting on the new, comfortable, padded folding chairs that were purchased with donations to the library's 2018 Fundraising Campaign!

YOUR contributions help keep Marine Community Library vibrant. This year's campaign had three parts: a Matching Gift Challenge for annual campaign donations, a Silent Auction of original, river valley-centric offerings, and a benefit concert by *The New Standards*. Sadly, the concert was canceled at the last minute due to musician illness. Ticket holders were reimbursed, and many joined us in "making lemonade" by coming for an impromptu party of appetizers, wine, and final bids for the silent auction. All enjoyed the chance to relax and mingle.

If you haven't given yet, the Matching Gift Challenge is still on! Just mail your end-of-year donation to: Marine Library Association, P.O. Box 85, Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047. All donations are tax-deductible. Donations help purchase books, support adult and children's programs, and run operations.

Again, thank you for supporting all the good things that are happening at Marine Community Library.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Marine Community Library Board

Marine Community Library is governed by a board of community volunteers who are passionate about the success of our library. The board strives to represent a broad cross section of the community, including members who live in Scandia, May Township and Marine; men and women; young and old; and all interests. The board meets every other month. Interested in serving? Contact Mary Burke, mryburly@aol.com, or Lorelee DiLorenzo, at loralee@dilorenzo.com for more information.



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We're on the web

www.marineonstcroix.org

2019 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
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.

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 Mroska
Ron Brenner Kristina Smitten
Scott Spisak Anna Hagstrom

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

Get the newsletter via email:

If you are interested in having the newsletter emailed to you, please email Assistant City Clerk Kiersten Young at kierstenyoung@cityofmarine.org

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

Thank you!

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