



January, February, March 2020

COUNCIL SETS TAX LEVY

The City Council has set the final levy for 2020 at \$940558.51, a 6.26% increase from 2019. To see a copy of the budget, and keep up with other important city information, visit www.marineonstcroix.org.

Important Dates

January 9	City Council Meeting
January 10	Christmas Tree Pick-Up (Leave curbside)
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr Day — City Office Closed
January 28	Planning Commission Meeting
February 13	City Council Meeting
February 17	Presidents Day— City Office Closed
March 3	Presidential Primary Election
March 12	City Council Meeting
March 24	Planning Commission Meeting

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New Year's Event will Benefit Fireworks

A New Year's Eve celebration set for December 31 will double as a fundraiser for the July 3, 2020, fireworks.

Event details: Hor d'oeuvres, cash bar and door prizes, 7 pm to 12:30 am at the Marine Village Hall. Limited tickets are available at the Marine General Store. \$30 admission includes a free drink. Cocktail attire encouraged but not required.

Presidential Primary: March 3

March 3 marks Minnesota's first Presidential Primary Election since 1992. In order to receive a ballot at the polling place, voters will need to declare their party to an election judge. This is a requirement of state law.

Seat Open on Watershed District Board

The newest board member appointed to the Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District is Marine resident Leslie MacKenzie. One seat remains open on the district's board of directors. To apply, contact Watershed District Administrator Mike Isensee at 651-433-2150 or mike.isensee@cmsc wd.org.

— ICE RINK —

The school ice rink will be flooded as weather permits.

Warming House Hours:

Monday - Friday 3:30 - 8 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 12 - 6 p.m.

(Rink is open any time.)

The City is looking for a warming house attendant.

Applicants must be at least 16 years old to apply. Hours: M-F 3-8 pm and weekends noon-5 pm. Salary is \$8.50/hour. Contact the City office with questions or for an application.

New to the Neighborhood: Marine Mills Folk School

Marine Mills Folk School, a new traditional arts & crafts folk school, has been operating out of the former elementary school since last September. Featuring artists instructors from the Valley and around the Twin Cities, a sample of upcoming classes include:



- Beginning Crochet
- Naalbinding
- Leatherworking
- Scandinavian Spoon Carving
- Cut Paper Art
- Garden All Year Long!
- Ukrainian Egg Decorating
- Stone Carving

Family Open Gym

Also announcing Family Open Gym, Thursdays beginning January 2, 6 – 7 pm, and continuing through the dark winter months! Give the kids an opportunity to move in the gym plus catch up with other families in the area. Interested?

Contact Annie Minich: annie.gyllen@gmail.com

We are extremely thankful to the City of Marine, its staff, Council members and taxpayers, as well as our financial supporters, volunteers and artist instructors for the enthusiasm and support we've received this past year – together we are building a new traditional arts & crafts tradition.

For more information and for class dates and times, please visit us at www.marinemillsfolkschool.org.

Mill Site Update

Mill Site and River Decorated with Snow and Ice

Snow and ice are decorating Marine Mill Site and the lovely St. Croix River — winter is a beautiful time of year, time to reflect on autumn activities. More than 2,500 people visited the Mill Site this fall! Volunteers helped

ensure their safety and enjoyment by securing the ravine board walks that had been moved by high water, installing small signs to guide visitors, planting four new donated white pines, and removing deer cages from trees that have

grown large enough.

To volunteer or for more information about Mill Site activities, contact: Jim Schoeller, 651-497-5972 or Anne Reich, 651-433-1341.



Restoration Society Update

Marine Restoration Society Seeks Members

Do you like the Progressive Dinner? The Fourth of July Running Race? How about all the wonderful restoration work done this year at Oakland Cemetery?

All of these projects were organized in whole or part by the Marine Restoration Society.

Our main focus is to help the city take good care of the Village Hall, and many of you have supported MRS financially through participating in events or through generous donations.

This year, please consider joining the fun and become part of a subcommittee, or just sign up to help with occasional tasks.

To learn more, please attend our annual meeting:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020,

7 pm at the Village Hall Council Chambers or, if you can't make it, email

marinerestosociety@gmail.com

WINTER REMINDERS

Snow on Streets and Sidewalks

Please clear snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of snowfall, and do not put snow or ice onto streets or alleys.

For more information, see Chapter 8, Subdivision 4 of the city code.

The City will charge for the removal of snow resulting from violation of this ordinance.

Parking on Streets

Please do not park on streets or alleys between 2 am and 6 am, November 15 through April 1.

For more information see Chapter 24, Subdivision 1 of the city code.

Trash and Recycling

Please place trash and recycling receptacles in your driveway, not the street.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

As always:

- **Gun owners:** It is unlawful to discharge firearms in Marine's city limits, except by written permission of the mayor during hunting season. For more information, see Chapter 9.01 of the city code.
- **Dog walkers:** Please be courteous to others in parks and other public area — pick up all dog feces.

Urban Forest Update

Citizen Engagement Vital to Health of Marine's Trees



Trees in urban areas provide essential services, but they are under intense pressure. It's more important than ever that we plan for and care for our community trees.

In 2020, the Forest Advisory Committee will host an Arbor Day celebration, educational programs, and another round of tree planting. The committee invites community engagement with several tree care projects.

Emerald Ash Borer

At least 10% of Marine's urban trees are ash – and they are all susceptible to the emerald ash borer beetle. Without treatment, the fatality rate for infested trees is 100%. Citizen volunteers can help with:

Surveillance efforts

If you enjoy hiking or dog walking, watching and reporting tree damage can sound the alert that protective efforts need to begin.

Tree Inventory

Marine has a partial inventory of urban trees – locations and species. We'd like to get a complete inventory so we know which trees are vulnerable and may need replacement.

Tree Diversification

In 2020, the committee hopes to add another 25-30 trees. Citizen volunteers can help with tree planting events in the spring and fall.

Tree Survival

Last year the community planted 25 new trees, which will need care. Citizen volunteers can help with:

Tree care

Adopt a tree and check it weekly to ensure it has the water it needs on hot summer days, and to report any damage

Tree pruning

Young trees need occasional pruning to grow into greatness. Training provided.

If you would like to be a citizen tree volunteer, sign up for activities you are interested in doing at <http://bit.ly/2DyDAjs>.

WINTER TRAIL GUIDE

Enjoy Marine's public trails — and make sure your neighbors can too

Trail Use: General Guidelines

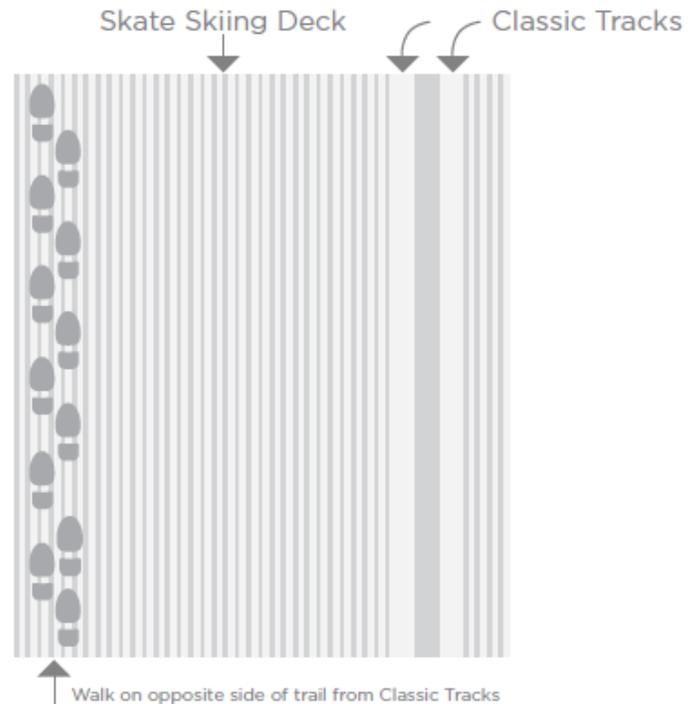
- No motorized traffic. Motorized wheelchairs are OK.
- Keep right so others can pass.
- If you are on the trail with a dog, keep your pet on a leash and do not leave poo on the trail.
- Obey traffic signs and rules.
- Pick up garbage and litter.
- Respect adjoining landowners' rights and privacy.
- Stay on designated trails; do not take shortcuts.
- Do not disturb the plants or animals.

Jackson Meadow Ski Trail Etiquette

Did you know that people are allowed to walk on the Jackson Meadow ski trails? It's true, they are public trails.

However, during winter months volunteers groom many of these trails into cross-country ski lanes.

- The city encourages hikers in Jackson Meadow to stay on the multi-use trail (see map on page 5).
- On the multi-use trail, walk on the opposite side of the classic skiing tracks (see graphic, right).
- If you are sinking more than an inch into the ski trail, please find an ungroomed trail to hike until the snow is firm. This is most likely to occur after new snow or fresh grooming.



- Whether hiking or skiing, if temperatures are warm and the trails are soft, please stay off groomed trails altogether. When the snow refreezes boot or ski tracks freeze and make grooming difficult.

If you would like a better understanding of what goes into maintaining the ski trails, call Andy Powell at 612-743-8780 and ride along for some laps on the groomer.

MARINE O'BRIEN SKI RACE SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2020

All proceeds from the race benefit the St. Croix Valley Ski Club youth skiing program.



Race Registration:

Register online at marineobrien.com.

Day-of registration opens at 9:00 a.m. and will close 30 minutes prior to race start.

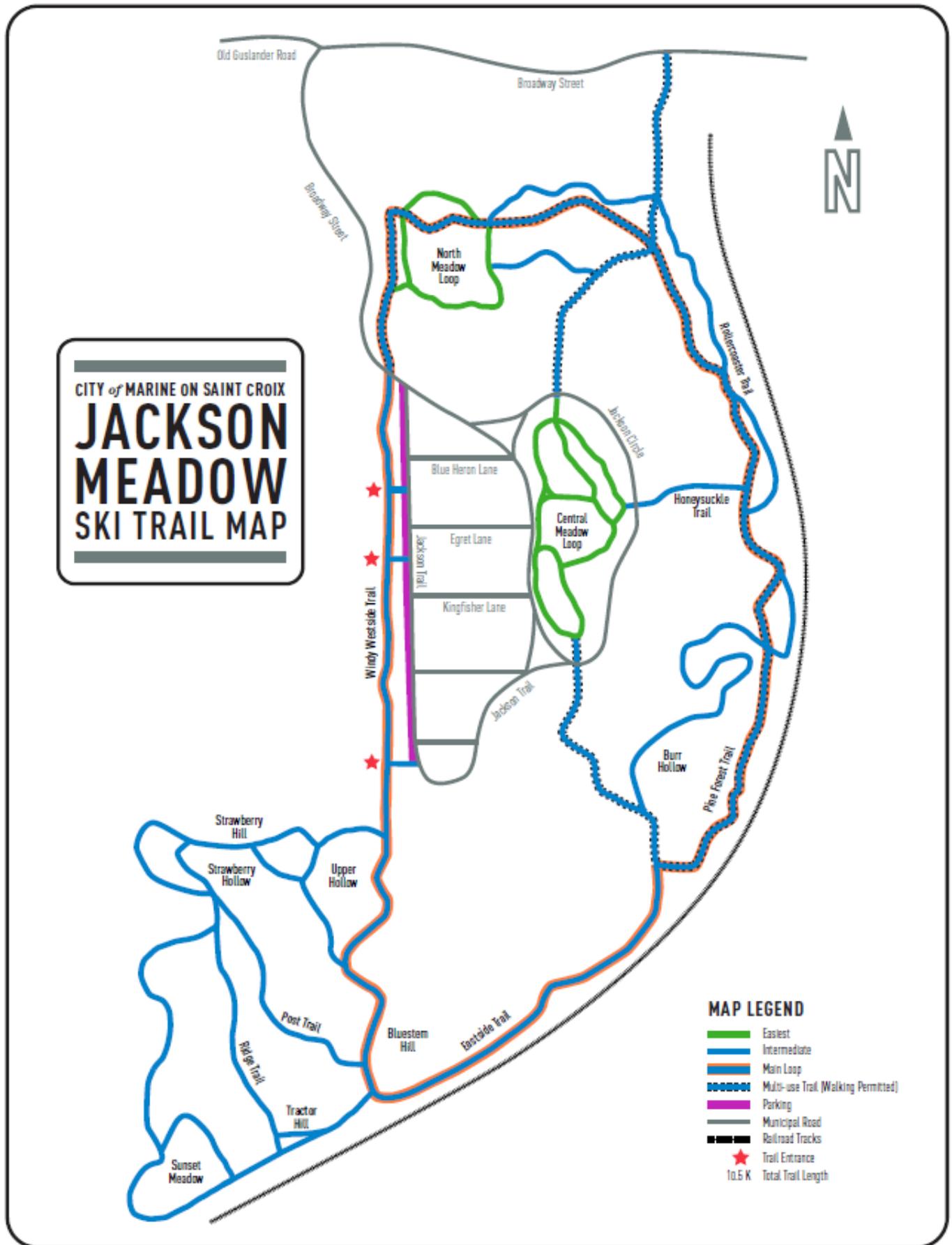
Youth Ski League

If you are a family with kids ages 3-13, join the St Croix Valley Youth Ski League Sundays, 1-3 p.m. at William O'Brien State Park, Jan. 5 through March 1. Kids and parents spend the afternoon skiing and playing games led by volunteer coaches. Focus is on development of basic ski skills and promoting fun and healthy winter activities.

Cost is \$25 per child. Ski passes are required for anyone 16 and older, available at the Park Office. Participants must have their own ski equipment.

Sign-up any Sunday, January 5 - March 1.

Contact Katie at catherine.brekke@gmail.com with questions.



Marine Community Library Turns Eight



HOURS:

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

This year we're celebrating the 8th anniversary of the all-volunteer Marine Community Library, and it just keeps getting better. We'll be adding hundreds of newly released books and already have a great slate of programs in the works. Marine Documentary night, a collaboration with the Marine Film Society, winds down its very successful 6th season in February. We'll have more musical performances. And as always, you'll find

a rotating display of captivating local art on our walls.

Thanks for your support

We appreciate all who "voted with your feet" by providing financial support to the Marine Community Library in the past year. Your generosity allows us to build on our accomplishments. If you have not had the opportunity yet, we welcome your donation. Mail your check to: Marine Library Association, PO Box 85, Marine, MN 55047. If you are looking for tax-advantaged ways to give, through gifts of appreciated stocks or Qualified Charitable Distributions from an IRA, call Jim Maher: 433-4647.

Join our team of volunteers

The early months of the year are a time when we need volunteers more than ever, as some of our regulars travel between January and March. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and be more involved in the community. Email: info@marinecommunitylibrary.org.

Family & Children's Events

Super Story Time with Suzanne – books, songs and activities for young children. 3rd Thursday of the month (Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19), 10 a.m. at the Library.

Family Game Nights – 2nd Friday of the month (Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 13) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Marine Village Hall.

NEW! Tween Scene – Jan. 24 from 4:00 to 5:30. A program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders to eat, create and socialize. Register at marinecommunitylibrary.org.

Upcoming Programs for Adults

All events at Marine Village Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 2

Documentary – *The Interpreters*: Afghan and Iraqi military interpreters serve as a crucial bridge between American soldiers and local nationals. But as a result of their work with the U.S., many have become targets. In the chaos of their war torn countries, these loyal allies now struggle to find a way out for themselves and their families.



Friday, January 17

Marine Community Library 8th Birthday Party: featuring Laurie Allmann. We'll celebrate another successful year (with cake!) and enjoy Laurie's poetry, accompanied by talented young cellist Alice Ryan.

Thursday, February 6

Documentary Night – *To Be Announced* (watch our website), the closing film for this season. Documentary Night returns in October.

Saturday, February 8

Oscar Party: This annual gala raises funds to support Marine Documentary Night. We'll view the nominees of one of the short film categories and vote for our favorite on the eve of the Oscar telecast. Mark your calendars as this event typically sells out. Tickets go on sale January 8th. Find the link on our website.

Thursday, February 20

***The Happiness Playlist* with Mark Mallman**: Mark is an iconic Minneapolis rocker who discovered that one of the best ways to cope with a challenging period in his life was to listen to uplifting music. He'll talk about his book on the topic and why he thinks music can have such a positive influence.

Thursday March 26

Minnesota Native Wildflowers: Author Phyllis Root and photographer Kelly Povo, heard regularly on Minnesota Public Radio, share their knowledge of the world of wildflowers.

See a complete list of events at MarineCommunityLibrary.org

GreenStep Cities Update

Organics Composting Now Open in Hugo

The Hugo yard waste and organics drop-off site is now open Saturdays, 10 am to 3 pm. You can sign up online (www.co.washington.mn.us/2969/Organics) to pick up a **free** starter kit at the Waste Yard — 5527 170th St. N. It includes a 2-gallon kitchen pail and 10 compostable bags.

What You Can Bring to Organics Recycling

- Food waste, including bones, meat, cheese
- Non-recyclable paper (pizza boxes, paper towels, etc.)
- Compostable plates, utensils, etc. (look for BPI logo)
- Bring these items to the site in a compostable bag.

Wondering What CAN — and CAN'T — be Composted or Recycled?

Check out the Zero Waste Saint Paul - Connection Group on Facebook (type it into the search bar. You will need to “join” to post.)

Since Washington and Ramsey County manage waste jointly, many of the tips for St. Paul will also work in Washington County.



GreenStep Cities Committee Meeting

Saturday, December 28, 9 to 11 am at 360 Pratt Street (just west of the Folk School).

The group welcomes residents and business owners interested in improve our community's sustainability, energy efficiency, and quality of life. It's a great way to meet like-minded neighbors and get to learn a lot more about your community.

For more info, contact coordinator Leslie MacKenzie, leslie.mackenzie@gmail.com.

WINTER IS A CRITICAL TIME TO PROTECT OUR WATER

Minnesota may be 1,000 miles away from the ocean, but it's now got 50 salt-water lakes and streams, impaired by overuse of road salt/chloride.

That 10-lb bag of salt you bought for your driveway will permanently pollute 3,000 gallons of water.

So what are your options?

Safe and Salt Free

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization offers these tips for less toxic ice management:

- Shovel and/or snow-blow early and often, before snow becomes compacted.

- Invest in a good ice chisel or long-handled ice scraper.

- Use sand or grit when you need traction.

- Don't mix sand and salt. They do different jobs. If one is working, the other isn't.

- If your sidewalk or driveway is already melted, don't add salt. It doesn't prevent it from freezing.

- Before you use salt or de-icer, be sure the temperature is right. None of them work when it gets too cold. Then use as little as possible. Try for a 3" spread between salt granules.

DREAMING OF SPRING – AND POLLINATORS!

Minnesota is home to more than 450 native bee species, including the endangered state bee: the Rusty Patched Bumblebee.

Marine is in the habitat area for the Rusty Patch, which means **Marine homeowners are eligible to apply** for a grant of up to \$350 to establish polli-

nator habitat in their yard through the Lawns to Legumes program. The program provides workshops, coaching, planting guides and cost-share funding for installing pollinator-friendly native plantings in residential lawns.

Applications will be accepted through February 28. Appli-

cants who qualify for reimbursement are expected to attend a workshop or webinar. Funding decisions will be emailed in March for spring 2020 installations. For further program details, visit bwsr.state.mn.us.

How to apply: Apply online at bluethumb.org.



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CAN BEE
the CHANGE
#Lawns2Legumes

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We're on the web

www.marineonstcroix.org

2020 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
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Tom Boesel, Public Works
Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

Planning Commission

Chairman Gerry Mroska
Ron Brenner Kristina Smitten
Scott Spisak Anna Hagstrom
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*Meetings are last Tuesday of each month
7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.*

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www.marineonstcroix.org

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