

MOSC TIMES

April, May, June 2020



Important Dates

April 13-17	Severe Weather Awareness Week
April 16	Statewide Tornado Drill; 1:45 & 6:45 pm
April 9	City Council Meeting
April 28	Public Hearing: Short-Term Rental Ordinance
April 28	Planning Commission Meeting
May 14	City Council Meeting
May 2	Shred Day: 9-noon, Security State Bank
May 23	Heavy Metal Day
May 17	Mill Stream Day
May 25	Memorial Day — Office Closed
May 26	Planning Commission Meeting
June 6	Progressive Dinner
June 11	City Council Meeting
June 20	Firemen's Ball
June 30	Planning Commission Meeting

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MARINE ON ST. CROIX COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS DISEASE) RESPONSE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and Washington County Public Health & Environment are closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) first identified in Wuhan, China.

The situation surrounding the outbreak is rapidly evolving. For updates from Governor Tim Walz visit <https://mn.gov/governor/covid-19/>. For updates on cases of COVID-19 in Washington County, visit <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>.

Prevention

Everyday preventive actions can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Stay home when you are sick.

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QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about information in this article, contact Council Member Charlie Anderson:

Charlie.Anderson@cityofmarine.org
or
651-592-9449.

FEES INCREASING FOR TRASH, RECYCLING, AND CITY SEPTIC

Changes at the county level are bringing a significant increase to garbage and recycling costs.

Separately, the City of Marine has instituted a 5% sewer increase to keep up with infrastructure costs.

These increases will affect everyone in Marine, but businesses using dumpsters will likely see the most pronounced effects.

Why is the cost of trash collection increasing?

Marine recently renewed its contract with Advanced Disposal, reflecting increases to the cost of service (labor, fuel, trucks, insurance, etc.) as well as the cost of disposing of the trash.

Garbage haulers are now required to bring trash to the Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy Center (R&E

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED JULY 4TH — AND BEYOND

With several Marine residents retiring from the citizen-led Holiday Committee, council members are voicing the need for others to take on volunteer roles.

“We’re very grateful for the work these people have done over the years,” Councilman Charlie Anderson said at the March council meeting. “And now it’s time for others to step in.”

Marine’s Independence Day celebrations rely on volunteers for preparation and clean up to ensure events run smoothly.

“There is a possibility that we will not have enough volunteer power to hold our traditional community events,” said Councilman Bill Miller, “Volunteers are the backbone of this community and we are in desperate need of some people to step up.”

Miller noted that beyond 4th of July, the Restoration Society, Stonehouse Museum and other organizations need hands. “We need a town ‘all call’ for volunteers right now,” he said.

Want to help out with the Marine 3rd and 4th of July events?

- Help distribute garbage and recycling cans, 12 noon Wednesday, July 3;
- Placing and picking up “No Parking” signs;
- 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 offers coffee and donuts.

If you would like more information about this event 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

CITY OF MARINE DEBUTS NEW LOGO

After a series of design reviews and revisions, Marine council members have accepted a design, below, for the city’s new logo.

The logo, which can be used in color or black and white, was designed by the St. Paul design and branding firm Studio 2.



PHOTOGRAPHERS

The City of Marine is seeking high-resolution photos (at least 2000 pixels wide) of the river and other local scenery for its new website.

Restoration Society Update **Marine Restoration Society plans 32nd Annual Progressive Dinner**

The annual community kick-off to summer is the Progressive Dinner, a casual evening of neighbors rotating through each other's homes for food, drink and friendship.

Mark your calendar for June 6, for this year's festivities and watch for an invitation in the mail.

Questions? Email: marinerestosociety@gmail.com.

The Restoration Society is an all-volunteer organization, open to membership for anyone in Marine on St Croix, that raises money to maintain our historic Village Hall and Oakland Cemetery.

The Progressive Dinner, along with the Fourth of July running race, is a key fundraiser.

Please support this effort and connect with the community. We encourage you to consider hosting a course!



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PLANS ON, TENTATIVELY, FOR MILL STREAM DAY

With current limits on large gatherings due to the coronavirus, Mill Stream Day organizers will keep apprised of public health recommendations but will continue to plan for the May 17 event.

If they must cancel, they will announce it on the Marine Booster Facebook page.

Typically held the third Sunday in May, Mill Stream Day runs from noon to 4:00 pm in Burris

Park, near the Village Center. The event is a celebration of spring, with grilled brook trout, brats and side dishes. Food is offered until it is sold out, so come early! Ribbon weaving dance of the Maypole is scheduled for 2:00 pm.

CONTACT:
Win Miller
Millstream Association
winmiller@gmail.com
(651)431-8308



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.





MEMORIAL DAY

The annual Memorial Day Program will be held Monday May 25th at 10:30 am at Oakland Cemetery.

Seal coat project planned for Highway 95

MnDOT is planning to seal coat Highway 95 from Stillwater to Highway 97, likely between May 15th and July 1st.

Single-lane traffic is expected between mid May and mid June.

Work will mostly occur week-days, 8 am - 7 pm.

The project will last about 6 weeks, but should only impact Marine for a few days here and there.

Trail Etiquette & Reminders

HAPPY TRAILS

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

Please pay attention to temporary signs stating the type of travel or vehicle not allowed.

For example, bicycles or horses may be temporarily prohibited due to conditions.

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

Keep 'Social Distance'

In keeping with public health recommendations to prevent spread of COVID-19, city officials

are advising residents to practice social distancing on the trails.

Please limit groups to five, and stay 6 feet apart.



COMPOST SITE

Tentatively, the city is planning to open the compost site April 21.

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

HOURS

Wednesdays
noon to 7pm

Saturdays
9am to 4pm

- **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 on burning brush this year?

Spring burning restrictions are currently in effect.

This means that no burn permits will be issued without a variance from the DNR.

However, 3x3 recreational fires are still permitted.

After spring burning restrictions are lifted, you must obtain a permit before burning any pile larger than 3x3.

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

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





Make sure snowbirds count in Minnesota

Minnesota is home to over 44,000 snowbirds – people who call this state home but live somewhere else part of the year. A proper response to the census from these Minnesotans is crucial to our state achieving an accurate count, and could be a deciding factor in whether we keep our 8th seat in the U.S. House.

What’s so tricky about counting snowbirds?

Two things: determining one’s “usual residence” and effectively reporting that address.

No matter where a person is when they respond to the census, they should identify their

“usual residence” in the address portion of the questionnaire.

Snowbirds can respond to the census at my2020census.gov, or by calling 844-330-2020. Respondents will be asked for the Census ID printed on mail they received from the Census Bureau, or to provide their address if they do not have the ID.

The tracking code printed on census mail will be tied to the address to which it is sent.

Snowbirds should use the Census ID from Census Bureau mail delivered to their usual residence, or enter their usual address.

Marine ravine stabilization starts this spring

The Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District (CMSCWD) awarded a construction contract to Veit and Companies to stabilize the Marine Ravine and restore the headwaters of Marine Landing Creek. This project will address stormwater runoff from Highway 95 that caused a large ravine to form above the headwaters of Marine Landing Creek. After construction, highway runoff will be piped to a 3,000-square-foot shallow basin at the bottom of the bluff. The natural bluff seep that is the headwater of Marine Landing Creek will be restored.

The project also includes filling the ravine created by Highway 95 runoff and restoring native perennial plants, trees, and shrubs. Construction is planned to start this spring.

Questions? Contact Mike Isensee: mike.isensee@cmscwd.org or 612-839-6492. Interested in participating in a volunteer planting event planned for late June or early July? Contact Leslie MacKenzie: leslie.mackenzie@gmail.com or 612-810-3216.

This project is made possible with grant funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, a contribution from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, and CMSCWD ad-valorem levy dollars.

Q U I E T W A T E R S

Keep the scene serene while boating the St. Croix

With spring comes anticipation of boating season and is a good time to remind the community of rules that are in place to guide safe boating activities, protect shorelines, and to enhance the recreational experience for all users.

Marine lies in the middle of a 23-mile-long stretch of the St Croix Scenic Riverway from the St. Croix Falls dam (mile 54) downstream to the Arcola Sandbar (mile 31). The

main channel is designated as “Quiet Waters” where recreational uses that leave the surface of the river largely undisturbed and speed is to be kept low.

Minnesota Rule 6105.0320 subpart 5 provides that “Slow speed means operation of a motorboat at a leisurely speed, less than planing speed, whereby the wake or wash created by the motorboat is minimal. Operation of a boat in proximi-

ty to other river uses and features such as docks is addressed in MN Rule 6105.0320 subpart 4: *Slow-no wake means operation of a motorboat at the slowest possible speed necessary to maintain steerage, not to exceed 5 mph.*

The City will be working with the National Park Service, MN DNR, and Washington County Sheriff’s Office on some enhanced enforcement patrols.

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- Cover your cough.
- Maintain minimum social distance of 6 feet from nearest person.

Watch for Symptoms

Reported illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death for confirmed COVID-19 cases. The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you have symptoms and can manage those symptoms at home, you don't have to seek health care or be tested for COVID-19. Just stay home while you are sick.

If you are older or have underlying medical conditions, it may be helpful to let your health care provider know you are sick. They may have some specific advice for you. Some people with COVID-19 have worsened during the second week of illness.

Contact your health care provider before going to the clinic or emergency room if your symptoms worsen at any point or you feel you need to see a doctor. For more information about managing symptoms and COVID-19 testing, visit <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/basics.html>

Businesses

Under Executive Order from Governor Walz all restaurants, bars, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation must be closed to public access. This means no dining or occupancy by customers within an establishment. The purpose of this Order is to reduce community spread of the virus and to protect the health and safety of the community.

If a business continues to serve food, all food transactions should

be in the form of delivery, walk-up, window-service, drive through, or drive-up. Takeout orders must be placed by customers while outside of the establishment. No more than five customers can be inside the establishment at a time to pick up and pay for pre-placed food orders. Takeout customers must stay at least six feet apart from one another when picking up food and must immediately leave the establishment after receiving their food.

Marine on St. Croix Residents

Please visit www.marineonstcroix.org for up-to-date information on local response to COVID-19.

Emergency response continues uninterrupted. The Washington County Sheriff's Office, Lakeview paramedics, and Marine Fire & Rescue remain at a high readiness level to assist citizens in an emergency. **If you are experiencing a medical or life safety emergency, call 9-1-1.**

Though grocery stores have been designated as critical infrastructure, please do not congregate in the General Store. Maintain social distance, conduct your business, and leave the premises.

If you need groceries or other items stocked by the General Store, and cannot visit the store due to being a high-risk demographic or currently experiencing symptoms, please call the General Store at **651-433-2445**, and staff will process payment by phone and make arrangements for you to pick up curbside or deliver your groceries and supplies to your home.

Local businesses, like the café and chocolate shop, and any other businesses located in the City, must comply with Governor Walz's executive order. **As a customer, you may not congregate inside nor outside the business.**

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

City of Marine on St. Croix
<https://www.marineonstcroix.org/>

Washington County
<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/3168/COVID-19>

MN Dept of Public Health
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

Centers for Disease Control
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Community Thread
<https://communitythreadmn.org/covid-19-community-response/>

Valley Outreach
<https://valleyoutreachmn.org/>

Scandia-Marine Food Shelf
<https://www.elimscandia.org/food-shelf.html>

Marine General Store
<https://marinegeneralstore.com/>

Emergency alerts from Washington County via Code Red:
<https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2882/Code-Red>

Post Office hours remain unchanged, but staff are asking that there be no congregating in the post office lobby. **If you have a PO box and cannot retrieve your mail** due to being a high-risk demographic or currently experiencing symptoms, please call the post office at **651-433-5190**, and staff will make arrangements to deliver your mail.

Be mindful that the median age of Marine residents is 53 years-of-age.

Garbage collection and COVID-19

To keep employees safe and minimize the spread of Covid-19, Advanced Disposal will not collect refuse, recycling or yardwaste that is not contained in an Advanced Disposal cart.

Please make sure all refuse, recycling and yardwaste is properly contained in the cart in order to be picked up.

There is a possibility that even with these precautions, Advanced Disposal may experience a reduced workforce.

If this happens and Advanced Disposal anticipates a delay in collection, they will be in contact with affected municipalities to identify a priority and hierarchy for what is to be collected, (i.e. refuse 1st; recycling 2nd; yardwaste 3rd).

FROM PAGE 1: Trash fees increase

Center) in Newport, Minnesota, where metal is recovered and recycled, and other waste is used to make a renewable fuel currently used to generate electricity. The result is that over 90% of trash from Ramsey and Washington counties is kept out of landfills.

In January the cost for haulers to dispose of trash at the R&E Center, called a tipping fee, increased. The increase, \$13 for each ton of trash, is due to the counties ending a government subsidy of the tipping fee, and because the cost to process trash has increased.

More Information: Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy www.morevaluelesstrash.com/tipfees-rebate.

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There are many in our community that are at higher risk of complications should they contract the virus. **Please do your part** to keep them safe during the pandemic.

Consider checking on your friends and neighbors by telephone, or by speaking with them from a safe distance through their door. **If you make contact with someone who is in need of non-emergency assistance**, please consider some of the resources below if you are unable to safely fulfill their needs. If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1.

City Business

The City Clerk and Assistant City Clerk are available by phone during normal business hours at **651-433-3636**. Our Public Works staff are maintaining normal work loads. Our fire and rescue department remains staffed, trained, and equipped.

The City is exploring a variety of options to conduct business and comply with open meeting laws.

Visit the City website or call the office for information about our current posture on public meetings.

If paying a utility bill, please either place your payment in the mail or utilize the drop box on the outside of the Village Hall.

If possible, please conduct any City business you may have by phone or email in lieu of visiting the City office. This includes burn permit applications, most building permit applications, and other business which can all be handled by email.

If you must conduct your business in person, please do so from the doorway of the Clerk's office. This will help to maintain the recommended 6 foot "social distance" perimeter.

For assistance with contacting the listed resources or any other concerns, please call the City Office at 651-433-3636 during normal business hours.

Message from Pastor Joel Martin and Christ Lutheran Church

If they haven't already, in the coming days many in our community, especially those who are older and those with preexisting health conditions will be hunkering down at home and closing themselves off in the hopes of preventing the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

*If you hear of anyone who has a need for food or other supplies to be purchased and dropped off, please contact Christ Lutheran Church: **651-433-3222**. We will help coordinate people to purchase and deliver food and other supplies at the doorstep of those in need in our community.*

At the same time we invite you to call upon your neighbors who you know might need to hear a friendly voice checking in and making sure they are OK.

Marine Community Library — Spring 2020



HOURS:

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

Library Closed Temporarily

Due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic, Marine Community Library closed at noon on Saturday, March 14, until further notice. The Board felt this was an important step in helping to protect patrons and volunteers who serve at the Library.

We recognize that this has been an inconvenience, as we all value the Library's role as a community resource. Rest assured that we have been monitoring the situation and will reopen as soon as is prudent.

Books, Wi-Fi Remain Accessible

In the meantime, you can reserve books from the Washington County Library system online — just select the "Marine Library Express" option and your books will be delivered to the kiosk outside Marine Village Hall. Washington County notifies you when books are delivered, and you can get them at your convenience.

The Library's Wi-Fi signal remains accessible from outside Village Hall. Your device can tap into the service with the password posted in the library window.

Keep Up To Date Via Email

We will keep you notified via emails and the Library website about the status of currently scheduled programs, as well as when the Library reopens.

If you would like to be on our mailing list, go to: marinecommunitylibrary.org and click "Newsletter Signup" in the upper righthand corner.

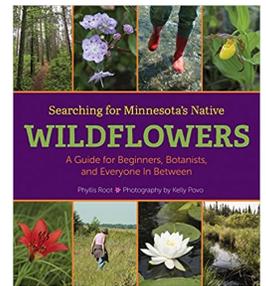
Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Upcoming Events

Events below were scheduled at the time of this writing — PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE for current status: marinecommunitylibrary.org. Events are hosted at Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix, unless otherwise noted.

Searching for Minnesota's Native Wildflowers **Thursday, March 26, 7:00 pm — ONLINE**

Join Phyllis Root and Kelly Povo as they take us to Minnesota's woods, prairies, hillsides, lakes and bogs in search of wildflowers, placing the wonder of our wildflowers within easy reach. Co-sponsored by Marine Green-Step Cities and Friends of Scandia Parks and Trails. Free.



Comedy Sportz! **Saturday, April 4 — CANCELLED**

This event has been cancelled.

Super Storytime with Suzanne **Thursday, April 16, 10:00-11:00 am**

Young children enjoy Suzanne's special books, songs, and activities at the library. Free.

Poetry "Crawl" **Saturday, April 18, 7:00 pm**

Hear a collection of talented local poets share their work in a friendly, community setting. This year's "crawl" will all take place at the Village Hall, so be sure to join us for what should be a fun and fascinating event. Free.

John Gorka

Originally set for May 3, organizers are attempting to reschedule this event for a later date.



PHOTO BY GENE DI LORENZO

SUMMER CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Program

June 15 to August 15

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.

Kick-Off Celebration

Saturday, June 13, 10 am to noon
Celebrate summer programs with entertainment, activities, prizes, and more. Marine Gazebo. Free!

Science/Art Camp

For school age children. Science and art presenters will lead the children in activities! From 9:00 am to noon each day. Registration full.

June 15-19 for children going into grades 1-3; **June 22-26** for children going into grades 4-6.

Camp is held in and around downtown Marine. Meet at the Marine Gazebo (corner of Broadway and Judd St.). In case of rain, meet in the Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to assist with many aspects of the summer programs.

If you are able to help, please contact Ruth Willis at willius@frontiernet.net.

Folk School Update

Marine Mills Folk School temporarily suspends classes

Marine Mills Folk School has suspended all classes, to help 'flatten the curve' of the Covid-19 crisis.

We look forward to resuming our operations and providing opportunities to connect eager participants

with artist-instructors as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, we love seeing everyone out walking in Marine and elsewhere, and we hope you will continue to walk and do other activ-

ities to take care of yourself!

Check the folk school's Facebook page to see what we're up to during this time, and be the first to know when classes resume.

GreenStep Cities Update

EARTH DAY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

1970 was a notable year: the Beatles broke up, Apollo 13 landed safely, Chet Huntley retired as NBC news anchor, President Nixon lowered the voting age to 18, and oh yes, the Chiefs beat the Vikings in Super Bowl IV.

It also marked the birth of the modern environmental movement with the launch of Earth Day on April 22. Earth Day encourages us to support our natural world. In Marine on St. Croix, we are fortunate to live in an environment rich with abundant natural resources. But it's always worth remembering that those resources are precious and require our ongoing vigilance and protection, which is the focus of the Marine GreenStep program.

Our Landscape

Protect pollinators this spring

While performing your spring cleanup, remember to protect pollinators. Insects hibernate in dead stems so avoid cutting down plant stems early in spring.

When you do cut back, considering leaving at least 15 inches of stem over the growing season to provide insect dwellings the following year.

Cut stems can be set aside in a brush pile until it's warm enough for insects to awaken from hibernation, then use them for mulch or send the brush to the Marine compost site.

Leaf litter is another wintering nesting site for insect eggs and pupae and some adult butterflies, such as mourning cloak and question mark butterflies. Wait until temps warm to a steady string of 50-degree days before removing leaves from perennial gardens.

For more info on protecting or adding pollinators to your landscape, check out these links:

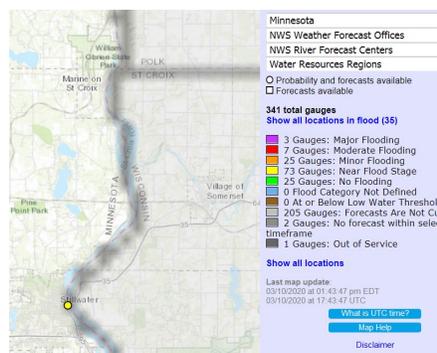
<https://twincities.wildones.org/>
<https://www.beelab.umn.edu/bees/flowers/plants-mn-bees>

Our Water

One Watershed, One Plan

Interested in plans for your watershed? The Lower St. Croix One Watershed, One Plan is almost ready for official review after gathering input from some 700 local stakeholders. Learn more about the St. Croix plan at <https://www.lsc1w1p.org/>.

Interested in the flood prediction this year? Last year we were looking at severe spring flooding. A useful resource to see flood predictions is weather.gov. From <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php>, choose River Forecasts, on the right, replace "United States" with "Minnesota," then zoom in and pick Stillwater. This map, current to March 10, shows what constitutes flood level and where the river is expected to be.



Our Waste

Organics & Composting

Washington County's new Hugo organics drop-off location (5527 170th St. N) starts its summer hours in April:
Wed., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. (or dusk);
Fri., 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.;
Sat., 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Sun.: noon-4:30 p.m.

Washington and Ramsey counties are working together to develop curbside organics pickup. Likely two years out, but in the works. <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/269/Organics>.

Backyard Composting

Washington County has partnered with the Recycling Association of Minnesota to sell compost bins and rain barrels to residents at a reduced cost. <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/2813/Backyard-Composting>

Medication Drop-off Event

Mahtomedi Middle School, 8100 75th St. N., Mahtomedi, Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Drop boxes are available year-round in Forest Lake, Hugo City Hall, and Stillwater. Call 651-275-7475 for more information or visit the Washington County website.



Interested in joining Marine GreenStep Cities?

The group welcomes residents and business owners interested in improving our community’s sustainability, energy efficiency, and quality of life. Consider participating on one of our Teams (Communications, Natural Re-

sources, Active Living, Transportation, Waste/Recycling). It’s a great way to meet neighbors while learning more about your community. For more info, contact Leslie MacKenzie, leslie.mackenzie@gmail.com.

If you are choosing to avoid social situations at this time, this committee will be hosting at least some of its meetings as online meetings. Watch the city website for a link, or contact Leslie at the email address previously listed.

Urban Forest Update

Join in Arbor Day tree planting for the birds (and the bees)

During Marine on St. Croix’s Arbor Day celebration on Saturday, April 25, the Forest Advisory Committee invites the community to help plant native trees that provide the best habitat for *insects*. Why plant for “pests”? Because many of these so-called pests are actually essential food for baby birds!

Ninety-six percent (96%) of song-birds feed their young a diet of high-protein insects and spiders. Without thousands of tasty caterpillars, baby birds don’t have the strength to leave the nest.

Marine is doing its part to save the birds (and the bees and the insects) by choosing this year’s tree-planting stock from a list of preferred trees that includes:

- Serviceberry • Hackberry
- Hawthorn • Crabapple
- Mountain ash • Plum and cherry
- Burr and pin oak
- Silver and red maple



Arbor Day Activities

9-10 am – Tree Planting at the Folk School

Bring gloves and a shovel to help plant 16 trees in gravel beds. Many hands make light work. Last year it took less than an hour to get the job done.

11-noon – Ash Tree Ribboning

Tour our city center for ash trees and place a ribbon around them to raise awareness of which trees are at risk from the emerald ash borer.

11-noon – Children’s Program

Come to the library to hear stories about trees and pick up tree-related play materials.

Noon-2 pm – Visit the Gazebo

Pick up bird-friendly tree information, answer a community survey on the preferred future of our city ash trees, and enter a drawing for a free bird feeder. Olivia Nienaber will be there to explain her bird-friendly projects.

Would you like to host a tree?

Trees planted in the gravel bed this spring will be looking for a home in the fall. Contact Peter Foster at peterjfostermpls@gmail.com to be added to the list. Watch the city website and/or the Marine Boosters Facebook page for a listing of exact trees that will be available.

City of Marine on St Croix

121 Judd Street P.O. Box 250
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

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
Suzanne Dammann, Assistant Clerk
Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493
Tom Boesel, Public Works
Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

Planning Commission

Chairman Gerry Mrosla
Ron Brenner Kristina Smitten
Scott Spisak Anna Hagstrom
Jennifer Henry Ed Sanderson

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