

City of Marine on St. Croix
MOSC TIMES



July, August, September 2021

Important Dates

July 4	Parade
July 5	City Office Closed
July 8	City Council Meeting
July 27	Planning Commission Meeting
August 12	City Council Meeting
August 21	Marine Mills Day
August 31	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept. 6	Labor Day—City Office Closed
Sept. 9	City Council Meeting
Sept. 28	Planning Commission Meeting

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JULY 4 PARADE

NOON • JUDD ST.

NO FIREWORKS THIS YEAR.



Date Set for Firemen’s Street Dance

OCTOBER 2 • 2-5 P.M.

After a year off in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, one of the public safety department's main fundraisers is back on, with a later-than-usual date.

department opted for a fall gathering to allow more time for vaccinations and recovery of public health.

The Firemen's Street Dance has historically been held in June. This year, the

Music by:
 Kyle Tennis and The Riverside Hitmen

MARINE MILLS DAY

AUGUST 21 • 5 P.M.

On August 24, 1839, the first log was cut at the sawmill which would become the town of Marine Mills, now Marine on St. Croix.

The celebration is on the weekend closest to the date of August 24, weather permitting.

In 2019 and 2020, residents celebrated the founding of the mill and village with a dinner party in Burriss Park, across the street from the historic mill site.

This year’s event is on August 21. Bring a table, food, and dinnerware.

For event details and what to bring, see page 4.

MARINE ELEMENTARY
ALUMNI
REUNION

AFTER THE
JULY 4TH PARADE!

All Alumni of Marine Elementary School are invited to visit the school after the Parade.

Bring class photos, yearbooks and other memorabilia. Look for old friends!

VISIT THE MARINE VILLAGE SCHOOL
TWO OPEN HOUSES



July 3rd

Marine Village School, 550 Pine Street, will open its doors from 1 PM to 4 PM on Saturday, July 3rd. Please come to see this special place designed for students K-5.

July 4th

Yes, we are holding another open house at the school on July 4th, after the parade, so starting about 1PM at 550 Pine Street. Come and see us there!

Interested in sending your kids? Fill out a survey!

We plan on opening the school in September 2022, but we need your help to do so. We need young families to indicate interest in the school by filling out a survey, available at www.marinevillageschool.org. Surveys will also be available at the school during the open house.

City Council Recap

Downtown Roadwork

**Final Pavement Will Be
Laid in September**

The city council has decided to delay the second lift of pavement until September. This will prevent the wear course from getting damaged during the hot months, before it's had time to cure. It will also allow time for people to get used to new parking rules, namely the city's request that motorcyclists start using kickstand pads (provided by the city) to prevent divots.

Paving is slated for September 13. After that, the pavement will cure for about a week. Stripes can then be painted and the

job will be finished.

Dresel Contracting of Chisago City started work on the overhaul last fall, taking a break over the winter.

In addition to new pavement, this revitalization project included curbs and gutter to direct storm water to filtration basins before entering the river, and upgrades to the Mill Stream arch culvert under Judd Street. Runoff from Highway 95 will also flow through a retaining pond.

Dresel was the lowest of six bidders, coming in at approximately \$1.213 million. The total project cost is \$1.6 million, with more than \$1 million paid for by grants.

Cell Tower Regulations Near Approval

Following a June 29 public hearing, two ordinances governing 4G cell towers and 5G small-cell infrastructure, respectively, will likely be sent to city council for consideration in August.

Marine will Track Energy Use

Marine is looking at beginning to track its energy use with B3 Benchmarking. The initiative is being led by the GreenStep Committee. Currently, a GreenStep volunteer, council member, and city staff are familiarizing themselves with the online software that will allow the city to track its energy use over time.

Taxpayers Save on School Bond

Marine taxpayers will save some \$87,400 over the life of the city's school property loan. The council has approved a bond reissue with a lower interest rate, dropping from 3.83% rate to 2.87%. The city held a public hearing on the reissue June 10.

**City Asserts Counterclaim
in Short-Term Rental Suit**

John P. Norusis sued the City in December 2020, challenging the City's adoption of a Short-Term Rental Licensing Ordinance. The City is asserting a counterclaim in this litigation, seeking an Order to require Mr. Norusis to fully comply with the Ordinance. The City has scheduled a Motion for Summary Judgment before Washington County Chief Judge Douglas B. Meslow, which will be heard on July 9, 2021. Following the hearing, the District Court will have 90 days to issue a decision.

FOLK SCHOOL RETURNS TO IN-PERSON CLASSES

MMFS is pleased to announce a return to in-person, outside classes that began June 12. Our artist-instructors are thrilled to be back, offering traditional skills classes in basket weaving, Scandinavian spoon carving, finding herbal remedies in the local woods, indigo dyeing and more. We'll also continue offering online classes. Be sure to check out our full schedule, and our Covid safety guidelines, at our web site marinemillsfolkschool.org.

Pencil us in: help us celebrate our 3rd anniversary on Saturday, October 2. We'll have classes, craft demonstrations, artist market, plus family entertainment that includes sheep herding by trained sheep dogs, a vintage baseball game, clogging demonstration and music. We'll follow CDC and State Covid safety guidelines in place at that time. Celebrate traditional arts and crafts and the folk school, then head downtown for the Marine Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department Street Dance. Tell your friends and family to join us for a fun day in the village!

Looking for Volunteers

In preparation for a return to regular in-person, inside classes, we'll need help in September cleaning the Marine School Building after 16+ months sitting empty. Many of you gave us a few hours two years ago, when we moved into our new home. If not exactly fun, we hope you found the experience rewarding, we sure appreciated your time and elbow grease. Email info@marinemillsfolkschool.org if you can help.



www.marinemillsfolkschool.org



MARINE MILL

REFINISHING BENCHES, PLANTING ELDERBERRY SHRUBS

The historic Marine Mill Site is as inviting a place to visit as ever! Our volunteer team has completed it's spring maintenance work including planting new elderberry shrubs, removal of more deer cages and refinishing benches. We are also helping the Watershed District as it completes revegetation and other erosion prevention work

along the river trail.

Please come this summer to soak in the history and enjoy the beauty of walking the trails of the Marine Mill Site.

Our committee always welcomes new members. Call Anne Reich (433-1341) or Jim Schoeller (433-3440) for more information.



Marine Mills Day

August 21st

Schedule of Events

4:00 p.m. • Arrival & Preparation of the Tables

Meet in Burris Park, greet your neighbors, and set up your creative table space six feet apart.

4:30 p.m. • Marine Mills Day Observance

Reading of the Proclamation, Ceremonial Log-Cutting, Invocation, & First Lady's Toast

5:00 p.m. • Dinner

All guests will enjoy their unique self-prepared meals.

6:00 p.m. • Lawn Games

Having supped, we play. Lawns games will commence on the green.

7:00 p.m. • Fare Thee Well

Bid each other adieu, and take home all you came with.



DETAILS TO NOTE

- All guests are encouraged to wear old-time and/or lumberjack garb. Be original, be comfortable, but be classy.
- All guests must supply their own table big enough for their party, chairs, white tablecloth, a picnic basket of unique menu items, and dinner ware. Other suggested items for your table include unique centerpieces and candles.
- Tables should be lined up in Burris Park, end-to-end if possible.
- Please spread the word to friends and neighbors, and offer to assist others so that young and old can enjoy fellowship.
- Please be sure to pack away everything that you bring so as to leave the park in as good (or better) shape than when we arrived!

TRASH TROUBLE?

Staff at the City office have heard reports that the garbage company is leaving garbage and recycling at the bottom of the bins.

The best way to prevent this is to make sure garbage and recycling are kept loose in the bins.

Do feel free to call the city office with your trash-related questions or to report missed pick up. City staff are the primary contact between residents and the city's garbage hauler, Waste Management.

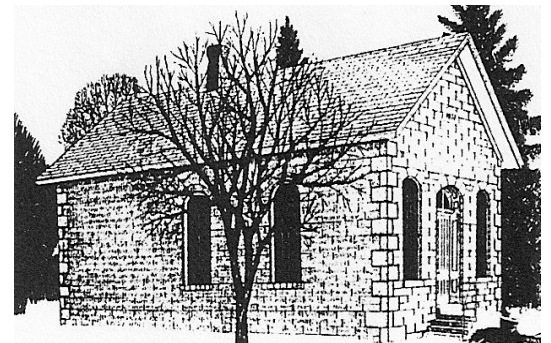
Stone House Museum

• 241 Fifth Street •

OPEN

**Saturdays &
Sundays 1-4 p.m.**
Through Labor Day

Volunteers are needed and welcome! Contact the City if you're interested.



Marine Community Library

— Summer 2021 —

Summer Reading Program

June 6 through August 27

Read books this summer and win amazing prizes! Preschool through High School can participate by filling out forms online. There will be weekly drawings in two age groups for prizes, which can be picked up the library. There will also be a free book for every reader to pick up! Join us for this very popular program that is supported by many local businesses. Please check the library website for more details at MarineCommunityLibrary.org



Upcoming Events

Summer Storytimes

Join us for special stories and crafts at the Marine Gazebo. Free!
For preschoolers through early elementary children.
Dates: July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12 (six Thursdays)
Time and Location: 10 to 11 a.m. at the Marine Gazebo

Blanket Bingo

Gather with your friends, family and a blanket to play Bingo. Lots of prizes for all ages!
Time and Location: 6 p.m. at the Marine Gazebo
Dates: Wednesday, July 14, and Friday, August 13

Adult Programs

September 16, 7 p.m., author Jane Carroll, discussing her recently released book, *DAYBREAK WOMAN - AN ANGLO-DAKOTA LIFE*. It's the true story of Jane Anderson Robertson, born in Minnesota in the early 1800s to an Anglo-Canadian trader and a Scots-Dakota woman.

Watch the library website for a new slate of adult programs this fall. And plans are also being made for the return of Marine Documentary Night assuming COVID rules allow for it by this fall.

Library Hours

Watch the website for an increase in days that the library is open coming soon!

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

COMPOST SITE

City of Marine on St. Croix residents are encouraged to bring compostable yard waste to the city owned and operated compost site 3/4 mile north of the Hwy 95 and County Rd 4 intersection. (Turn west at the entrance to the Stugas.)

HOURS
weather permitting

Wednesdays

Noon to 7 p.m.

Saturdays

9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

OK to Bring

- Leaves
- Grass
- Twigs
- Sticks under four inches

Don't Bring

- Large branches
- Garbage bags. Please take paper and plastic bags home with you
- Trash (including all glass, metals and plastics)

Bonfires, Campfires, Prairie Burns

Do You Need a Permit?

Get a permit before burning any brush pile larger than 3 feet across and 3 feet high.

Permits are not needed for regular campfires (smaller than 3x3).

Permit costs: \$5.00 for a brush pile, \$15.00 for a prescribed burn, also called a prairie burn or running fire. Each permit is good for up to 3 consecutive days.

How to Get One

Contact the city office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday to obtain a permit.

Before You Burn

Check the Department of Natural Resources website for current burn restrictions: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us>

[/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html](#)

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

Burning hours are 6pm-8am per DNR requirements.



Why Do We Have to License Our Dogs?

Ch. 5 of City Code

The City of Marine requires annual dog licenses to ensure dogs have proper vaccinations and to help identify owners if a dog gets loose.

Licenses are \$2.00, but a failure to license a dog will result in accrued fees for each day a dog remains unlicensed. Dogs must be tagged.



Additionally, dogs must be leashed when not on the owner's property and any excrement must be cleaned up immediately when the dog is off the owner's premises.

Dogs at large create a public safety issue and can be impounded. If a citizen locates a loose dog, please contact Animal Control Officer Brit Harmon at (715) 220-1332.

Trail Etiquette & Reminders

Look for Signs

Keep an eye out for temporary signs about types of travel or modes of transport not allowed.

Bicycles or horses may be temporarily prohibited due to ground conditions.

BYOPB

(yep, 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.



GreenStep Cities Update

Protecting the Amphibians Among Us

Here in north Washington County, we're surrounded by wetlands that are home to frogs, toads, skinks, and salamanders. Have you been hearing their night-time chorus?

Amphibians are extremely sensitive to ecological conditions and highly vulnerable to pesticides, herbicides (especially Roundup®), and even excessive night-time lighting. According to the International Dark Sky Association light pollution can alter their daily rhythms, effect their hormone regulation, and impact reproduction. Fewer tadpoles, frogs and toads means less food for animals further up the food chain.

We can safeguard the health of these wild spaces by minimizing excess outdoor light at night.

- Use lights only when necessary. Consider adding a timer or sensor to turn your outdoor lights off automatically at 10 pm or midnight.

- Switch to a low wattage bulb. "Cool" blue light is particularly damaging. Choose a "warm" colored light bulb instead.

- Shield lights so they're directed toward the ground, only and exactly where needed. (Learn more about dark-sky-friendly outdoor lighting at www.marineconstcroix.org/greenstep.)

Check It Out!

Which frogs and toads are you hearing at night? Visit the MN Pollution Control Agency website: (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/frogs-minnesota>).



FALL EQUINOX CELEBRATION

FEATURING WCCO METEOROLOGIST MIKE LYNCH

Join retired WCCO meteorologist and amateur astronomer, Mike Lynch, for a free, family-friendly **Fall Equinox Celebration, Friday, September 17, 8 p.m.** at the Marine Elementary School playground. Mike will share his vast knowledge of the night sky in a 20-minute presentation, followed by stargazing through high-powered telescopes. Refreshments and tips on protecting the dark night sky, courtesy of the Marine GreenStep Cities Dark Sky Team. For more information, contact Nancy Cosgriff: 651-307-5285.



Sign up for Public Alerts

To sign up for emergency and informational alerts from the City of Marine, go to www.public-alert.com and click 'Email Form for Residential Info'.

Alternatively, send the information below to the city office.

CELL # _____ - _____ - _____

Create Email Form



As a resident please complete the form above for the Public Alert Registration

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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

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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

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Suzanne Dammann, Assistant Clerk

Jason Crotty, Public Works 651-675-6493

Tom Boesel, Public Works

Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

Planning Commission

Chairman Gerry Mrosła

Ron Brenner

Kristina Smitten

Anna Hagstrom

Jennifer Henry

Ed Sanderson

Tim Casey

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

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