

City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES

October, November, December 2021



COUNCIL SETS MAXIMUM LEVY: \$1.07 MILLION AND ASKS RESIDENTS FOR INPUT ON PRIORITIES

Important Dates

Oct. 11	Columbus Day— City Office Closed
Oct. 14	City Council Meeting
Oct. 16	Heavy Metal Day
Oct. 26	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov. 10	City Council Meeting
Nov. 25	Thanksgiving— City Office Closed
Nov. 30	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec. 2	Truth in Taxation
Dec. 9	City Council Meeting
Dec. 25	Christmas— City Office Closed

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The Marine on St. Croix City Council has set the maximum levy for 2022 at \$1,071,063.71, representing a 13.66% increase from 2021.

As a maximum levy this number cannot be raised, but it can be lowered. The council will consider reductions at the Truth in Taxation meeting, December 2nd, 6:00 pm at the Village Hall. The meeting will be held in person with the option to attend remotely.

Copies of the budget can be found on the City website or are available at the City office during regular business hours.

What Are Your Priorities for Tax Spending?

Once infrastructure, plowing and other necessities are paid for, what should the city invest in? Let us know by filling out the **survey inside** of this newsletter.

Marine Village School Approved

The application for the Marine Village School has been approved by the Minnesota Department of Education!

Classes are scheduled to start in late August of 2022, in the traditional Elementary School Building in Marine. In the meantime, we will be busy organizing the school, buying desks and equipment, hiring staff, raising funds, and asking our many volunteers for help.

For the city, this meets the goal to have an elementary school in Marine after the Stillwater district closed the site in 2017.

Thank you to all who helped make this a reality.



FIREMAN'S BALL: OCTOBER 2

WHAT: Dance and raise money for Marine's Fire and Rescue Dept.

WHEN: Saturday, October 2 from 2—6 p.m.

WHERE: Judd Street in downtown Marine

SEE STREET DANCE PAGE 2

City Council Recap

Members Needed for Planning Commission

The Planning Commission has one open seat, and three additional vacancies to begin January 1st. The council will seek to fill a mix of skill sets such as architectural, legal, land use, and historical knowledge.

What does the Planning Commission do?

The Planning Commission helps uphold the long-term vision of the City. Guided by the comprehensive plan and zoning code, this team reviews requests from property owners who wish to take small exceptions to the code through a variance or conditional use permit. The Commission also reviews and updates the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.

Commissioners must attend monthly meetings and spend time learning the zoning code and comprehensive plan. Between meetings, they work on special projects, compile the information needed for variance or permit recommendations, review minutes and read materials for upcoming meetings.

See marineonstcroix.org for more details. Those interested should submit a resume and letter of interest to the city. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until all positions have been filled.

CITY LAYS OUT PLAN FOR CELL TOWER PROPOSALS

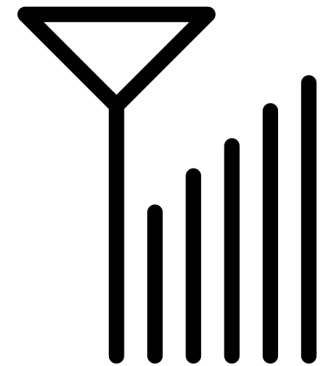
The City Council is expected to approve ordinances regulating 4G cell towers and 5G small-cell systems at its October 14 meeting.

Councilman Lon Pardun has been working on a request for proposals, aided by consultant Carly Kehoe and planning commission members. The RFP is also expected to be voted on at the October 14 council meeting.

Approving the 4G ordinance and RFP concurrently will set a process in motion to select the best-fit plan for a cell tower in Marine.

The ordinances and nearly-complete RFP were initially slated for approval at the council's September 9 meeting. However, an unexpected illness prevented the city's wireless consultant, Kehoe, from attending the meeting. She recommended delaying approval for a month to ensure the clarity in the proposal process for all interested applicants.

Councilman Charlie Anderson added that a one-month delay this late in the year was unlikely to impact build times.



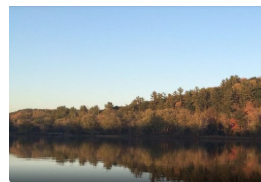
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Downtown Roadwork Ends

The final lift of pavement was laid September 13. Stripes were painted September 22, completing the Village Center Revitalization Project.

Marine Resident Facebook Page

Due to geographically diverse participation in Marine's Booster page, there's now a Facebook page exclusively for Marine residents: [facebook.com/groups/residentsofmarineonstcroix](https://www.facebook.com/groups/residentsofmarineonstcroix)



Residents of Marine on St. Croix

Private group · 133 members

About Discussion

Urban Forest Task Force Awarded Grant

Marine's Urban Forest Task Force announced an \$8,910 award from the Minnesota DNR to remove ash trees threatened by emerald ash borer insects. The funds will also be used to replace the trees with different species.

Street Dance Set for October 2

Marine's all-volunteer Fire and Rescue Department is holding its annual Street Dance, the Fireman's Ball, on October 2, 2-6 p.m. in downtown Marine. This event represents the volunteer spirit and small town atmosphere that makes Marine such a special place to live.

The suggested donation is \$9 per ticket, children 12 and under are free. Additional donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. The Marine Fire Relief Association's goal is to raise \$10,000, which will be used to support department operations.

Enchanted Forest Will Return

Councilmember Gwen Roden announced plans to hold the Enchanted Forest in Gazebo Park for a fourth winter.

November Council Meeting Will Be Held A Day Early: Wed., Nov. 10

November's regular city council meeting will be held a day early: Wednesday, November 10, as Veterans Day falls on the second Thursday of the month this year.

MARINE RESTORATION SOCIETY SAYS THANKS

Thank you to those who generously made donations to the society in lieu of hosting the Progressive Dinner. We have our fingers crossed for 2022!

We want to report that during the past year and a half we have had the gazebo and the upstairs of the Village Hall painted.



Marine Mills Folk School Local Fun, Hands-On Classes

Marine Mills Folk School offers traditional skills classes taught by local artisan-instructors. Our mission is to strengthen and create community as people find joy through creating and learning in a supportive, hands-on environment. We've got a terrific schedule of online and in-person classes at our world headquarters, right here at the Marine School Building. Join us! Register at marinemillsfolkschool.org.

What's Coming Up?

Welcome Back Extravaganza

October 2 – Artist Marketplace, Sheep Dog Herding demonstrations, Scandia Marine Lions Food Truck, Music, Clogging, Free Bracelet classes for Families and more! Free entrance, 10 – 2 pm

Classes – Fused Glass Bowls, Digital Photography for Kids, Barn Hex Signs, Needle Felting



Other Classes in October

- Wooden Paddle Building with Kevin Nyenhuis
- Beer Making with Peter Foster
- Make Your Own Snowshoes with Peta Barrett
- Knitting with Liz Towers
- SAORI weaving with Chiaki O'Brien
- Memory Cloth Books
- Sourdough Bread Making
- Stone Balancing
- Argentine Street Food

More information and registration at www.marinemillsfolkschool.org



MARINE MILL

Marine Mill Site Update

New Stonework on River Trail

Much has been happening at the Mill Site in conjunction with the Village Center Revitalization Project, so come on down and check it out.

Local Mike Tibbetts is shrouding the culvert at the head of the River Trail behind the General Store with stonework emulating the town's 19th Century masonry, providing a graceful arch and other structures for current and future generations to enjoy.

As part of the overall Village Revitalization Project, much of the vegetation on the north side of the trail was deemed too shade inducing or otherwise undesirable and was removed. Low vegetation was planted this summer with plantings next spring to include trees with a more open canopy, allowing more sunlight to foster growth, further stabilizing the bank.

ANNE REICH and JIM SCHOELLER, Co-Chairs of the Mill Site Committee, are stepping down as their personal situations require. Anne has been with the Committee since its beginning in 2009 and both have provided invaluable knowledgeable and energy in the restoration of the Mill Site. The Village is a more beautiful place due to their efforts at the Mill Site and we thank them for their contributions. If you see them on the street in town, please give them a hearty HIGH FIVE for their efforts.

As we are losing two key members, if you've been considering volunteering at the Mill Site, now would be a good time to join. If so, contact Curt Moe at moe.curt@gmail.com.

Right: Stonework by Mike Tibbetts at the top of the trail to the river.



Marine GreenStep Cities Update



Watching Energy Dollars and Cents

As part of the city's engagement in the MPCA GreenStep Cities program, Marine on St. Croix recently enrolled in the B3 Benchmarking program funded by the MN Departments of Commerce.

B3 Benchmarking is an online data gathering and reporting program that tracks

energy use and expenses in order to help city managers understand the performance of their buildings and operations.

Marine staff will be able to compare costs both over time and in comparison to other municipalities of similar sizes.

Currently, the B3 Benchmarking program has enrolled over 7,500 public buildings from 22 state agencies, 410 cities, 55 counties, 60 higher education campuses, and 214 school districts. Over 20 years of operation, the B3 Benchmarking system has identified over \$23 million in potential energy savings.



COMPOST SITE WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON

The city-operated compost site will close **Saturday, October 30** or earlier if it snows.

MARINE PUBLIC WORKS WELCOMES ROB POWELL

A new employee joined the Marine on St. Croix Public Works Department on September 27: Rob Powell.

Powell comes to the department following the departure of Jason Crotty, who now owns and operates an auto body business in Somerset.

Powell has worked for Stillwater Public Works and Polk County's Public Works Department. Marine's longtime public works staff Tom Boesel described Powell as "a perfect fit."

Boesel will now lead the department. Crotty plans to help with the transition and fill in as a substitute when needed.

The City of Marine wishes Jason the best in his business endeavors and welcomes Rob to the team.



Marine Community Library

— Autumn 2021 —

We are cautiously returning to in-person events this fall. Keep monitoring our website for cancellations, changes or updates, but we are pleased to announce the following:

River Radio Returns!

Starting September 25 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am and then every other Saturday for the autumn.

Listen live, online via Zoom at 9:00 A.M, or listen to the podcast.

Visit the RIVER RADIO page on the Marine Library website to learn more about River Radio, and for access to replays of past shows.



Documentary Night – planned for Marine Village Hall

October 7, 2021 @ 7:00 pm

And the first Thursdays of November, December, January and February

Titles and special guests to be announced.

The Marine Documentary Series is produced by the [Marine Film Society](#) in collaboration with the Marine Library Association, through grant support from the Arts Project Support Grant from the Metro Regional Arts Council.

Please visit the library to view our exciting new titles and expand your reading list. Hours and all information can be found at marinecommunitylibrary.org and on our FaceBook page.

MarineCommunityLibrary.org | 651-433-2820

Those big, new storm water basins downtown — how the heck do they work and why do we have them?

Please join Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District Administrator Mike Isensee and Councilwoman Wendy Ward **October 2** for a fun and robust tour of the four major new stormwater ponds downtown to include the raingardens, wetland restoration, channel stabilization and trail restoration.

Walking around each feature, Mike will explain why these are needed, how they benefit our town and the

River, how they work, how they get maintained, and, how **you** can be a part of them functioning properly. Mike and Wendy will also talk about other water quality improvement projects and future plans and opportunities between our City and Watershed district.

Tour: October 2, 9-10:30 am, meet at the Gazebo.

Rain Date: October 23



2021 HUNTING SEASON UNDERWAY

Within Marine's city limits, permits are required for anyone hunting with a firearm. These permits are available at the City office during regular business hours.

Property owners interested in allowing bow hunters on their

property to hunt deer should contact the city office.

If you have questions regarding hunting regulations or need to report any suspicious or illegal activity, contact Conservation Officer Scott Arntzen at 763-413-4881.

Reminders for People Who Don't Hunt

- Be aware while walking trails and entering parks.
- Parks may hold a special hunting period.
- Wear bright orange clothing.

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

Bow Hunting September 18 - December 31 • **Shotgun** November 6 - 14 • **Muzzle Loader** November 27- December 12

WINTER TRAIL GUIDE

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

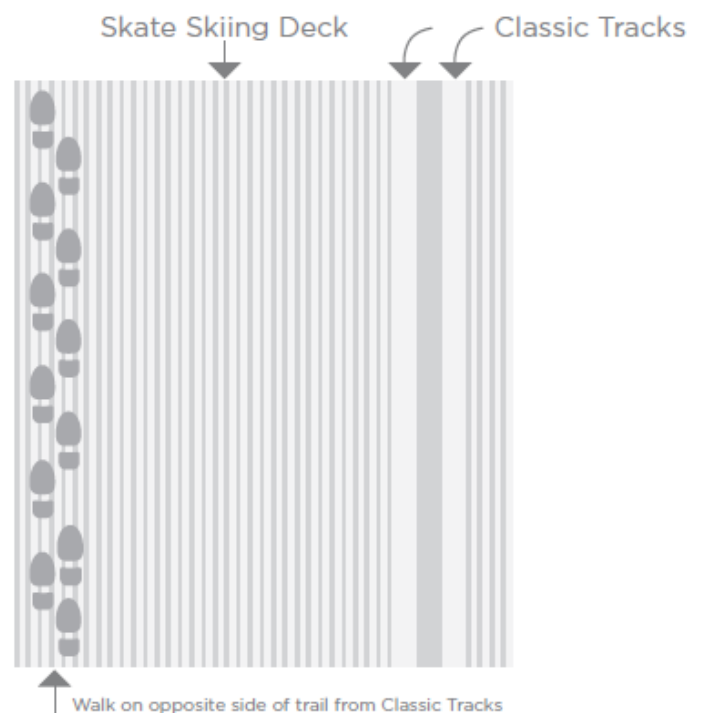
Trail Use: General Guidelines

- 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

During the winter months many city-owned trails are used for cross country skiing. Volunteers from Jackson Meadow groom some of these trails and walkers are asked to try and avoid the groomed ski trails.

- The city encourages hikers in Jackson Meadow to stay on the multi-use trail (see map on next page).
- 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.



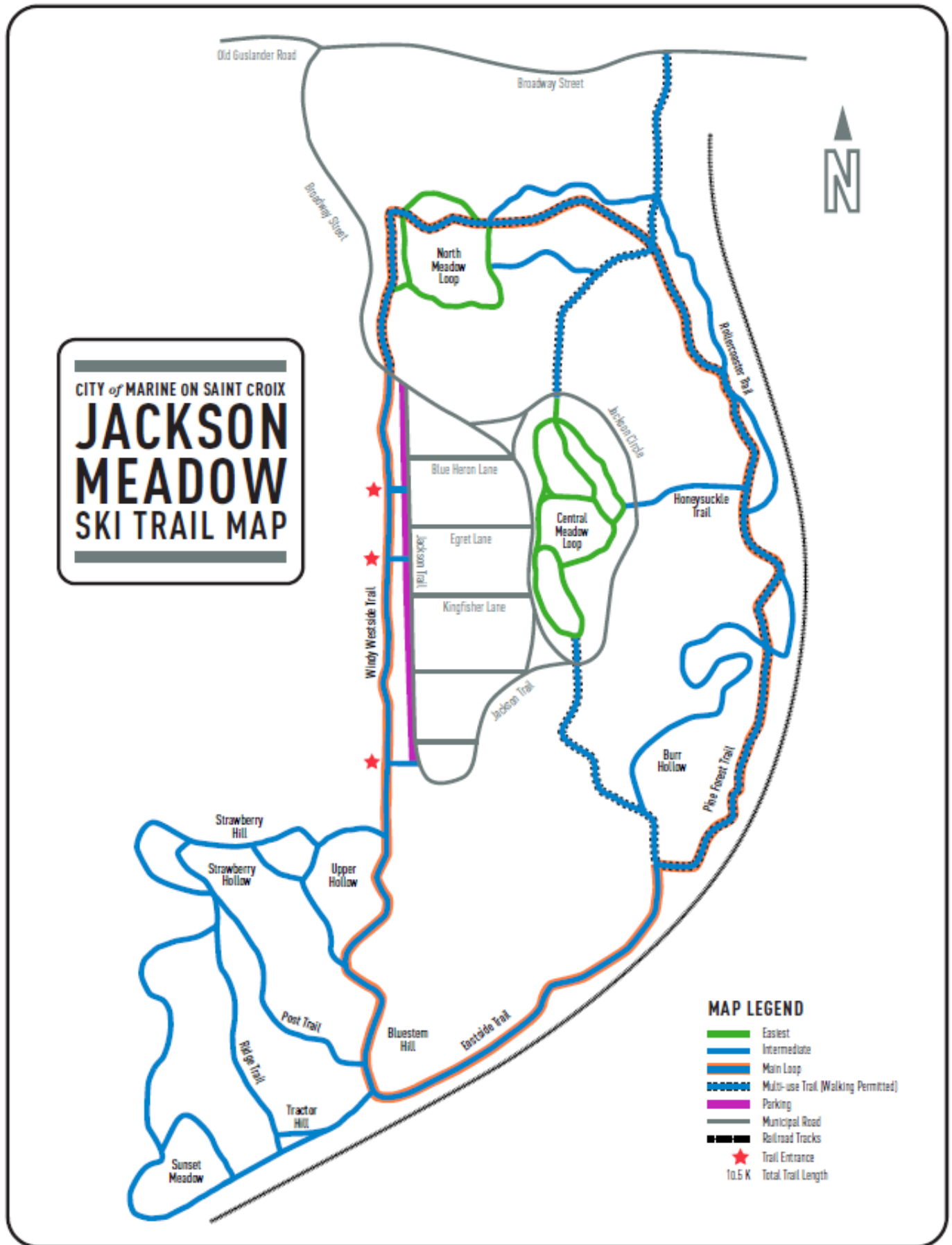
- Whether hiking or skiing, if temperatures are warm and the trails are soft, please stay off groomed trails altogether. When the snow refreezes boot or ski tracks freeze and make grooming difficult.

If you'd like a better understanding of what goes into maintain-

On public trails and in parks



pick up your dog's poo and bring the bags to a trashcan.



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

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Wendy Ward 651-301-0633

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
Tom Boesel, Public Works 651-775-2197
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Planning Commission

Chairman Gerry Mrosla
Kristina Smitten Jennifer Henry
Anna Hagstrom Ed Sanderson
Tim Casey

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

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If you are interested in receiving the newsletter electronically, email Assistant City Clerk Suzanne Dammann: asstclerk@cityofmarine.org
The newsletter is also available online:
www.marineonstcroix.org

What Are **Your** Priorities for Tax Spending?

At the August budget meeting the council discussed upcoming priorities and the need for citizen input to guide spending decisions.

We'd love to hear from you! Rate your priorities for spending and share the results with us.

You can leave your answers in the city's drop box at 121 Judd St., send by mail to PO Box 250, or email asstclerk@cityofmarine.org through October 31.

City staff will compile your answers and share them with council at the November 11 council meeting.

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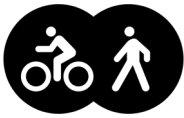
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Wish List Projects



A.

Bike & Ped Path

Improve and repair Marine's current bike & pedestrian system.



B.

Cemetery Expansion

A new addition to the cemetery, which is almost at capacity.



C.

E-Vehicle Charger

Earmark funds for an electric vehicle charger, to accompany grants.



D.

Open Spaces Plan

Map and develop plans for optimal use of the city's outdoor spaces.



E.

Pickleball Court

Resurface current tennis court and add pickleball lines.



F.

Historic Preservation

Historic preservation planning.



G.

Other

Let us know in the numbered spaces above.