

City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES

July, August, September 2022



IMPORTANT DATES

July 4	Race and Parade — City Office Closed
July 12	Paddle Craft Show
July 14	City Council Meeting
July 26	Planning Commission Meeting
August 4	Fire & Rescue — Recruitment Meet & Greet
August 11	City Council Meeting
August 27	Marine Mills Community Picnic
August 30	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept. 5	Labor Day — Office Closed
Sept. 8	City Council Meeting
Sept. 17	Marine Fall Festival
Sept. 27	Planning Commission Meeting

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INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

Monday, July 4, 2022

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2022 ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE FILING OPENS AUGUST 2

Three positions are up for election in Marine:

Mayor: 2 year term

2 council members: 4 year terms

Candidate Filing opens August 2 and closes August 16 at 5 pm. The fee is \$2.

VOTERS: Register before the election, get an absentee ballot, and more at the Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting

2022 ELECTION DATES

Primary: August 9

Vote by mail or in person June 24 through August 8.

Register in advance by July 19 or day-of at the polls.

Election Day: November 8

Vote by mail or in person September 23 through November 7.

Register in advance by October 18 or day-of at the polls.

FOURTH OF JULY

RUNNING RACE

• Hay Lake School Lions Pavilion •

9:15 a.m. — 2- and 4-mile races begin. Online registration highly recommended: www.Marine4thofJulyRace.com

Registration forms are available online through July 2, or at the City Hall, General Store, or

Library.

Details including age classes, prices and t-shirt sales (youth and adult sizes) at www.Marine4thofJulyRace.com

Sponsored by the Marine Restoration Society.

PARADE

Noon • Judd St.

Line Up begins at 11:30 on Judd & Berkey. Looking for volunteers to put up “No Parking” signs and barricades the morning of the 4th. Contact Charlie Anderson with questions.

Marine General Store will be grilling and Marine Bait shop will have some fun activities!

Stick around for egg toss and watermelon feed in Gazebo Park after the Parade!

Marine Village School Will Open September 6

Marine Village School is heartened by the support from our community. We will open September 6th with less than six grades. Depending on enrollment, we will probably have grades Kindergarten through Second or Third grade. Please encourage families to enroll.

Improvements to the school building are underway. We have a fiber optic line connected to the building, and IT improvements have begun, including wireless access points throughout the building. We are also doing some painting and repair work.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the school, especially retired teachers who can support our active teachers in the classroom. Other key areas for vol-



unteers are food service, accounting/ reporting, and building maintenance.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Win Miller, Board Chair
winm@marinevillageschool.org
651-431-8308

City Extends Timeline for Cell Tower Application Review

The City has extended its timeline for reviewing the permit application that would allow Vinco to build a cell tower at the City-owned compost site. This extension will allow time for a public hearing regarding proposed construction of the monopole tower within minimum setbacks from William O'Brien State Park and Highway 95. The new and final deadline will be August 16.

Further Detail

The City's Wireless Communication Tower Ordinance establishes minimum setbacks of a 1/2 mile west of the centerline of Highway 95 and 1/4 mile from any boundary of a state park, unless demonstrated that the tower will be stealth designed and visually inconspicuous as viewed from these locations on a year-round basis [see Section 14(f)]. The proposed tower is within these bounds.

The City Council has discretion to waive those requirements, and will consider doing so as guided by the “practical difficulties” standards for variances. This three-part test involves consideration of: reasonableness, uniqueness, and essential character.

Thinking of Joining Marine Fire & Rescue?

If you're interested in joining Marine's Fire & Rescue team, but you're not sure if you have the necessary skills or time, here's your chance to find out for sure. Fire Chief Dan Malmgren will hold an information session August 4, 7 pm at the Fire Hall, 160 Judd St.

Plans in Works to Reconstruct Osceola Bridge

Plans are in the works to reconstruct the Hwy 243 Osceola Bridge. MnDOT and WisDOT are partnering on the project, and are currently considering concepts from maintenance to rebuilds, even a tunnel.

Timeline

- 2021-2023: Environmental documentation, preliminary design
- 2023-2025: Final design
- 2025-2026: Anticipated construction

Project Website

www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy243osceola/index.html

City Ordinance Upheld in Short-Term Rental Suit

Washington County Judge Douglas Meslow on June 9 upheld Marine's ordinance governing short-term rentals. His judgement stops the plaintiff from renting or offering to rent a property without first obtaining a license. The plaintiff is also permanently enjoined from using the property for events, per city code. The plaintiff, John Norusis, sued the City in December 2020, challenging the City's adoption of a Short-Term Rental Licensing Ordinance.

PLANS TAKE SHAPE FOR MARINE FALL FESTIVAL

FOLK SCHOOL PLANS EVENT FOR THIRD SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 17—a date that in previous years would have seen thousands of visitors to the Marine Art Fair—the folk school will host its annual open house.

The Marine Fall Festival will run from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the school yard and will feature artisan-instructor demonstrations, sheep herding, music, food, other activities, and birthday treats in honor of the school’s fourth birthday. The event is free and open to everyone.

“This event is a great way to showcase the talents of our instructors and area artists, as well as celebrate our community. Anyone who would like to participate should get in touch with us,” says Kirsten Skoglund, program director.

Then, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., festivities will continue in downtown Marine with a variety of activities (still being planned) and food available from local businesses.



Back in the Classroom

Over the past six months, the Marine Mills Folk School team has been working diligently to get people back into the classroom after hosting many online classes throughout the winter months.

“People are craving to be in community and creating again,” says Nia Zekan, program support coordinator. “It feels like we’re moving into a new phase of our existence as we return to in-person classes and gatherings.”

The folk school also hosted the Marine Community Library’s Science & Art Camp for two weeks in June. Previously, the camp had taken place at the Gazebo downtown.

Holiday Classes

From Wooden Paddle Building led by Mayor Nyenhuis to Expressionist Painting led by Marine resident Emily Anderson, summer classes are in full swing at Marine Mills. The board and programming team, however, have been focused on filling up the fall and winter calendar.

“We’re excited to offer a wide range of classes in November and December centered around holidays and traditions,” says Robin Brooksbank, Marine Mills founder and board president. “Because we’re a folk school centered around preserving traditional crafts, we’ll be cele-

brating many cultures and traditions.”

When classes are announced later this summer, look for previous favorites such as seasonal wreaths, cocktails, and desserts, plus new classes with a new twist.

Marine Mills Folk School: Discover the joy of creating together through traditional arts and crafts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT MARINE MILLS FOLK SCHOOL

Every Tuesday: Knit Night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Upcoming Classes

- July 9: Suminagashi (Japanese Paper Marbling) and Bookbinding
- July 9: Herbal Remedies & Foraging
- July 23: Beginning Crop Art
- July 23: Paper Marbling and Bookbinding
- Aug. 6: Anyone Can Draw! Travel Sketching
- Aug. 6: Create a Barn/Hex Sign
- Aug. 6: Korean Paper Cutting + Floral Design

- Aug. 6: Drum Making
- Aug. 13: Herbal Remedies & Foraging
- Aug. 13: Bengala Dyeing with Chiaki O'Brien
- Aug. 13: Saori Weaving with Chiaki O'Brien
- Aug. 13: Relief Printing with Linoleum
- Sept. 10: “Circles” Felted Table Runner
- Sept. 10: Make Your Own Soap
- Sept. 10: Nordic Peasant Knitting
- Sept. 10: Baking with Rye
- Sept. 17: Marine Fall Festival**
- Sept. 17: Herbal Remedies & Foraging
- Sept. 24: Principles of Ayurvedic Nutrition and Cooking
- Sept. 24: Anyone Can Draw! Travel Sketching

Classes and events take place at 550 Pine Street unless otherwise noted.

New classes are continually being added! For the current list of upcoming events, visit marinemillsfolkschool.org.

Interested in participating or volunteering at the Marine Fall Festival, or have questions about Marine Mills Folk School? Please contact [in-fo@marinemillsfolkschool.org](mailto:info@marinemillsfolkschool.org).



MARINE FIRE AND EMS ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT DONATION

A fire or EMS call can involve lifting and bending when using equipment or transporting patients. To improve strength and prevent injury, volunteer EMS Captain Gayle Knutson and Lieutenant Brian Wicklund set up a six week core training class with strength trainer and Marine resident Karen Poel.

Members of the department learned a simple core routine that they can now do on their own and can teach others.

Karen and her husband Scott Iwen made an assessment of the equipment in the fire hall and purchased

and donated a new bench, weights, dumbbells and racks. This summer Karen will be offering her talents to fire department members and their families to develop personal strength training programs and help start regular group training sessions.

Brian Wicklund said, "I was on a call recently where I had a really heavy lift. The core routine and strength training that Karen taught us really improved my strength and helped me to assist confidently and without injury."

Thank you, Karen and Scott!

INOCULATING YOUR ASH TREES FOR EMERALD ASH BORER Planning ahead (NOW!) for treatment

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is a devastating pest, whose larvae *kill ash trees by tunneling under the bark*, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. Since its first detection in Michigan in 2002, EAB has spread to 25 states and killed more than 50 million trees. EAB is 100% fatal to untreated ash trees: if left untreated, every single one of our ash trees will die.

WHAT CAN HOME-OWNERS DO ABOUT ASH TREES ON THEIR PROPERTY?

• Do nothing, let the trees succumb to EAB.

We don't know how long it might take, but EAB kills quickly, creating potential hazards.

Waiting to remove your tree could end up costing more because the dead trees become brittle and dangerous to remove.

See: Steps to Take if a Tree is

Infested with EAB: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1mm2K6sCBI>

• Treatment:

The Marine City Council and Urban Forest Advisory Committee are working with Rainbow Tree Service to get a volume discount on treatment.

If Marine can guarantee 20-40 ash trees of decent size, Rainbow can treat the trees for \$6.70 per diameter inch. At this rate, **an average-sized ash tree would cost about \$130 for two seasons of protection.**

If we could get 40-100 trees, they can reduce the price to \$6.00 per inch.

The treatment will take place in late August or September 2022.

Commitment to this opportunity must be made by July 15.

The City will ask you to prepay once before the treatment for this two-

year treatment program. Consider budgeting to continue treatment over the years or replacement of the tree down the road.

The Urban Forest Advisory Committee will be dropping detailed fliers at Marine households from June 20 -

July 10. On that form you will NEED to reach out to the numbers we provide to commit to this program. Once you receive the flier, we encourage you to call with questions.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to take care of our trees.



Marine Community Library

— Summer 2022 —



Join us for special stories and crafts geared toward preschoolers through early elementary ages. Free!

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Marine Gazebo.

July 7: Storytime with Debra Smith

Debra Smith, Scandia resident, former librarian and author, will read stories about animals reading books.

July 14: Storytime with Monette MacDonald

Monette MacDonald, Marine resident and actress, will involve kids in movement and improvisational exercises. Monette will read about celebrating and accepting differences.

July 21: Storytime with Jeanne Kingston

Want to meet some miniature horses? At this storytime kids will learn about these unique horses and get to feed and touch them, with Marine resident Jeanne Kingston.

July 28: Storytime with Daniel Kilkelley

Daniel Kilkelley, a Somerset librarian, will read, sing, and get into all sorts of shenanigans!

August 11: Rap, Rock & Read with Miss Nina

Miss Nina is an award-winning children's music artist. Sing songs based on books, move and dance as she sings and plays the guitar. All ages will love her! Free! With thanks to the Legacy Program of Washington County.

Summer Reading Incentive

June 11 through August 27

Let's get reading! Report on a book you've read to be eligible for a weekly prize. For ages 0 to 18. Reading forms are available at the Library or can be downloaded at MarineCommunityLibrary.org

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 27, and Friday, August 17

Library Hours

Monday 10-1 • Tuesday 4-7 • Wednesday 3-6
Thursday 10-1 • Friday 4-7 • Saturday 9-12

GO TO MARINECOMMUNITYLIBRARY.ORG
FOR ALL THE DETAILS 121 JUDD STREET, MARINE ON ST. CROIX

COUNTY TO SPRAY WEEDS

Washington County will spot mow and spray for noxious weeds along county roads including Hwys. 4 and 7, June 15 - July 30 and again in October.

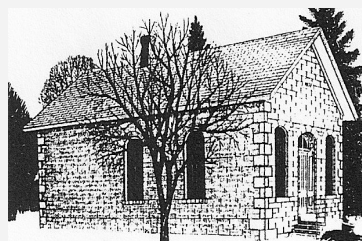
Herbicides used: Escort XP, Milestone VM, and Liberate.

Property owners who don't want their roadside

sprayed or mowed, and will take responsibility for eradicating noxious weeds, visit the Washington Co. North Shop: 11660 Myeron Road, Stillwater Township for signs, or call 651-430-4300. Must provide address, nearest cross street, and where Do Not Spray signs will be placed.

Stone House Museum

• 241 Fifth Street •



OPEN

Saturdays & Sundays
1-4 p.m.

Through Labor Day

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

COMPOST SITE

Marine 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.)

OK to Bring

- Leaves
- Grass
- Twigs
- Sticks under 4 inches

Don't Bring

- Large branches
- Bags: Take paper and plastic bags home with you
- Trash including glass, metals, plastics



HOURS
weather permitting

Wednesdays
Noon to 7 p.m.

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

Bonfires, Campfires, Prairie Burns

Which Two Do You Need a Permit For?

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 6 pm – 8 am per DNR requirements.

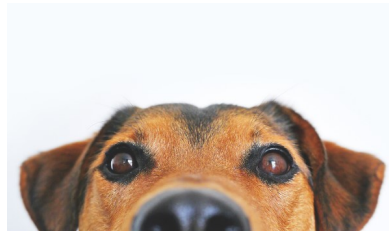


Why Do We License Dogs?

Ch. 5 of City Code

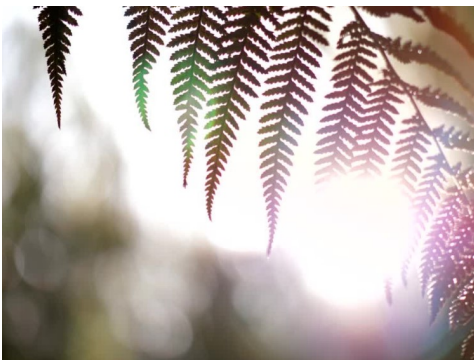
The City of Marine requires annual dog licenses to ensure dogs have current vaccinations and to help identify owners if a dog gets loose.

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

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

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

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.



MARINE MILL

WALK THROUGH MARINE'S HISTORY AT THE MILL SITE



Some readers may not know that the Marine Mill Site was the first commercial lumber mill in what was to become the state of Minnesota, starting to cut lumber in 1839. The Minnesota Historical Society owns the site and has developed informational signage that guides a person through the Mill Site, outlining the history, lumbering processes and structures of the lumber mill. So come on down and enjoy the beauty of the Mill Site and learn more about the history of our fair city.

The Minnesota Historical Society has

tasked the Mill Site Committee with reviewing the existing informational signage at the Mill Site and suggesting changes, a particularly exciting project. Andy Kramer, Phil Anderson, Julie Warren and Wendy Ward are doing an outstanding job on developing additional content. Thanks to them for their hard work. The updated signs are to be placed by June 30, 2023.

Thanks to the volunteers who have helped us this season including Tom Omdahl, Larry Whitaker, David Stephens, Bob Benishek, Linda Tibbetts, Wendy Paulson, Anne Reich, Wendy Ward, Molly Arnason and Kevin Nyenhuis.

We are always looking for volunteers. Our work includes tending the vegetation & trees in the Mill Site, maintaining the trails and repairing the fence and other wooden structures.

If this appeals and you'd like to meet some kindred spirits, please contact Curt Moe at moe.curt@gmail.com.

Help Protect and Improve Marine's Unique Resources: Check If Your Project Needs a Permit

If you have a stream, wetland, or the St. Croix River on your property PLEASE contact the City of Marine on St. Croix and the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District (CMSCWD) before beginning any construction, remodeling, or major landscaping projects.

Marine on St. Croix and the CMSCWD have shoreland rules that may apply projects within 1000 feet of streams, wetlands, and the St. Croix River. These rules help protect and improve Marine's unique water resources. Additionally, the CMSCWD provides onsite consultation, shoreline designs, permitting assistance and cost share opportunities for landowners seeking improve or restore stream banks, wetlands, or native vegetation along Marine on St. Croix's water resources.

Before beginning a project, please contact Tom Langer at the CMSCWD at 651-275-7452 or tom.langer@cmscwd.org to learn more or visit our website for more info: <https://www.cmscwd.org/residential-permits>.

'Old Shed Project' Preservation Grant Returns in 2022

The Old Shed Project is a historic preservation, grant award program designed by Wendy Ward. This program aims to incentivize and assist Marine on St Croix residents with the rehabilitation of the many, unique outbuildings in our historic town.

When neighborhoods are walked, you may see old barns, old privies, blacksmithing shops, garden or tool sheds, chicken coops, small garages, animal shelters, and other small, tucked away, vernacular buildings. These simple outbuildings served as workshops, shelters and storage areas that were once vital

parts of homesteads, places to do critical life chores. A typical homestead would have 1-4 of these structures. As a community we are losing these defining buildings to demolition, replacement and neglect.

Maintaining and keeping these distinct, small buildings helps keeps Marine Marine!

With many Marine homeowners prioritizing *home* maintenance, the Old Shed Project wants to give Marine homeowners the incentive, the knowledge and the ability to start the rehabilitation of an in-need outbuilding.

The Old Shed Project aims to

make it easier for homeowners to undertake historic preservation work on their property.

For qualifications and requirements, please go to theoldshedproject.org or go to our Facebook page.



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We're on the web

www.marineonstcroix.org

2022 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

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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.

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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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via email:**



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