

City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES



October, November, December 2022

COUNCIL SETS MAXIMUM LEVY: \$991,799

The Marine on St. Croix City Council has set the maximum levy for 2023 at \$991,798.98, representing a 5.5% increase from 2022.

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 1st, 6:00 pm at the Village Hall. The meeting will be held in person with the option to attend remotely.

Increases were proposed for road

maintenance and repaving, to increase firefighter compensation, and for fire-works.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 10	Columbus Day— City Office Closed
Oct. 13	City Council Meeting
Oct. 15	Heavy Metal Day
Oct. 25	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov. 8	Election Day
Nov. 10	City Council Meeting
Nov. 24	Thanksgiving— City Office Closed
Nov. 29	Planning Commission Meeting
Dec. 1	Truth in Taxation
Dec. 8	City Council Meeting
Dec. 26	Christmas Observed— City Office Closed

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General Election: Tuesday, November 8

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL RACES

Marine residents will elect a mayor and two council members on November 8.

Register to vote, update your registration, or request an absentee ballot at www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting.

Voting will take place in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall.

The following candidates have filed for office in Marine:

Office of Mayor:

Kevin Nyenhuis
Lon Pardun

City Council:

Charlie Anderson
Dana Vannan Anderson
William (Bill) Miller

HEAR FROM THE CANDIDATES



The Marine Community Library and River Radio are hosting two forums for Marine City Council and Mayor candidates to discuss their platforms. **Details on page 5.**



Ice rink attendants needed to work during warming house hours (see right).

Must be 16 years or older to apply. \$10/hour.

To apply, contact the city office.

The school ice rink will be flooded as weather permits. Once flooded, the rink is open any time.

WARMING HOUSE HOURS

Monday - Friday 3:30 - 8 pm
Saturday - Sunday 12 - 6 pm



Marine Village School Celebrates First Day

A crowd gathered at the school on the first day of class for Marine Village School, welcoming thirty students to class.

Thanks to the support of our community, we are accomplishing our goals of educating the little ones entrusted to our care. Our small school has three classrooms established; one for kindergarten, one for 1st and 2nd grade, and one for our 3rd and 4th graders.

Our first week was alive with activity as students explored the school forest and collected specimens to look at under our fleet of new, state-of-the-art microscopes, started rehearsal for our fall production of "Annie," and painted pictures

to thank their community for everything they did to help open the school successfully.

Rigorous academics fill the mornings in every classroom as students study classic literature paired with real-life application. We can't wait to share what they learn this year!

We are grateful to all the volunteers who have helped us clean up the school forest, built picnic tables and benches, cleaned the classrooms, broken down and recycled cardboard, helped set up classrooms, and so much more.

If you want to volunteer please call or email Dr Kim Kokx at 208-308-8380 or kimk@marinevillageschool.org.

Volunteer at Marine Village School

At Marine Village School we are "Small but Mighty" but we need help from our community for this upcoming academic year:

Building Maintenance:

0.5 hour/day 3:30-4pm

(and as needed mornings after snowfall)

Educational Assistant/ Classroom Paraprofessional:

Part-Time; any day, anytime between 9:45am-3:15pm

Receptionist/Office Assistant:

Part-Time; 4.5 hours/day

11:00am-3:30pm

PE: 1.5 hours daily

Spanish: 1.5 hours 2-3 times a week

Maker Space: 1.5 hours 2 times a week

STEM Space: 1.5 hours 2 times a week

Support in these areas during this foundational year will help our staff immensely.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.marinevillageschool.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

or contact our Principal - Dr. Kim Kokx at kimk@marinevillageschool.org

Apply here:

<https://www.marinevillageschool.org/volunteer/#apply>

You must complete a background check.

COUNCIL SEEKS FEEDBACK ON SIGN

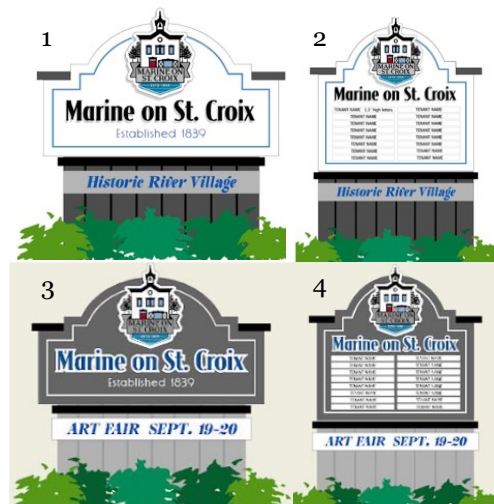
Over a decade ago, prior city council members and the Village Center Task Force suggested a downtown sign to place in our green space off Hwy 95 near Maple as a way to welcome visitors and promote local businesses.

There is currently \$15,000 that has been budgeted for that purpose but never spent.

Council is currently weighing options and would greatly benefit from public feedback.

Please consider taking a short survey to collect your valued input:

[s.surveyplanet.com/2mmlw3p7](https://surveyplanet.com/2mmlw3p7)



FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE NEWSFLASH

The City's major Emerald Ash Borer inoculation outreach and sign up program was a huge success, ensuring that our community understands, is ready and responds to this tough and deadly tree bug.

The sign-up period has closed.

For those who have signed up, look for a bill in early December. Treatments will begin in late spring.



City Encourages Safe Harvest of Deer and Wild Game

The white tail deer herd needs thinning in order to keep it healthy. The City encourages residents to safely harvest deer and other wild game responsibly on public and private lands in accordance with all Minnesota DNR rules and regulations.

According to City Code (Chapter 9) **Firearms Hunting** can only occur in the Single Family Rural and St. Croix Rural zoning districts. The following is required:

- Permit signed by Mayor
- Hunting from elevated stand of at least five feet
 - Exception may be granted for firearms hunting other than deer (i.e., turkey)
- Location of stand/site provided to City Clerk prior to use

Archery Hunting is allowed in all districts so long as it complies with all Minnesota DNR rules and regulations. All hunting on private land must have a permit signed by the landowner and kept on file with the City Clerk.

Both firearm and archery permits are available at the City Office during regular business hours.

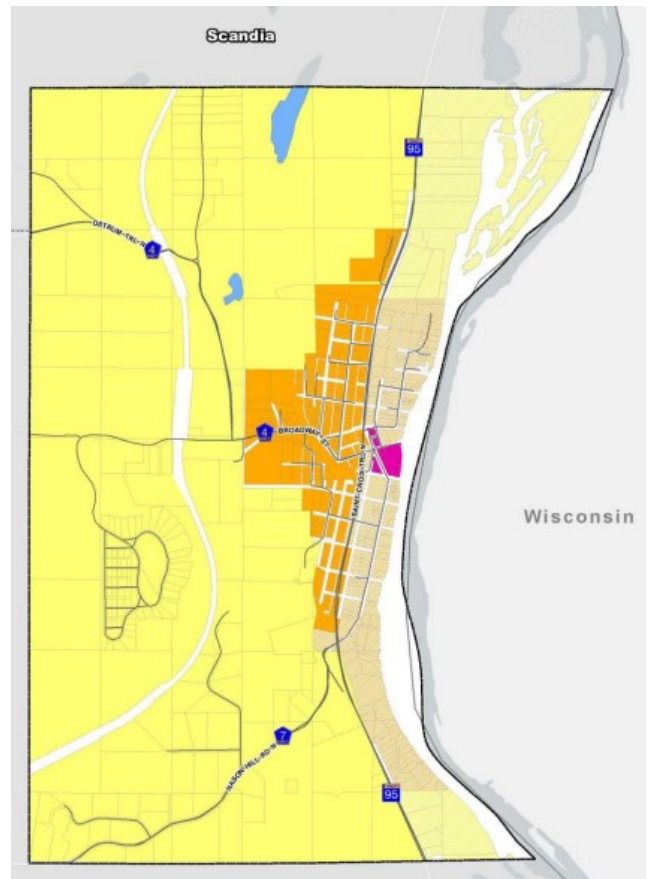
Hunting, understood correctly, is not about killing. Like foraging and angling it's about connection to nature and to our food. By

taking responsibility for what we put on our table and in our bodies it causes us to rethink the industrial processes that dominate our consumption. It also fosters gratitude and a sense of stewardship.

Interested in hunting in Marine? For information contact: Councilman Charlie Anderson (charlie.anderson@cityofmarine.org or 651-592-9449) or the City Clerk (mosc@cityofmarine.org or 651-433-3636).

Never hunted before? Talk to those in town that do and check out www.dnr.state.mn.us/go hunting.

Additionally, Chapter 9 covers the feeding of deer. While it may sound enjoyable or compassionate during harsh winter weather, feeding deer is dangerous. It is also unnatural as deer are grazing animals. Concentrated feeding of deer causes a higher likelihood of the transmission of bodily fluids, and leads to increased risk of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and mange. CWD can decimate deer populations and cause terrible suffering to the animal. Feeding deer is not permitted in the City and is a misdemeanor.



Firearms Hunting is allowed by permit in the Single Family Rural and St. Croix Rural zoning districts, shaded yellow above. The property owner must give permission and a permit must be obtained through the City Office.

CITY UPDATES FEES FOR PERMITS, LICENSES, RENTALS

The Marine City Council updated the city's fee schedule on Sept. 8. Many of the fees had not increased for several years.

Updated fees for some of the most common uses are listed here. **The full list of fees can be found at marineonstroix.org/fees.**

Boat Moorage
\$200 canoe; \$350 motorized

Burn Permit
\$8 pile; \$40 running (prescribed)

Dog License
\$10

Marine School Gym Rental
\$300 resident; \$650 non-res.

School Gym Damage Deposit
\$750 resident; \$1000 non-res.

Park Rental
\$100 resident; \$200 non-res.

Park Damage Deposit
\$200

Village Hall Rental
\$400 resident; \$800 non-res.

Village Hall Damage Deposit
\$750 resident; \$1500 non-res.

Zoning (CUP/Variance)
\$100

WINTER PARKING

PARK OFF STREET OVERNIGHT

— EVEN DOWNTOWN —

From November 15 through April 1, no parking is allowed on streets or alleys from 2 am - 6 am.

This includes downtown businesses and apartment residents.

Clear streets allow public works to plow, keeping the roads safe and drivable. Between 2 am and 6 am the City has authority to tow your vehicle at your expense, per Chapter 24 of the city code.



SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARINE NOW REQUIRE A PERMIT

Recently, the City Council passed an ordinance that updated and replaced its Outdoor Entertainment chapter. This was a process that started about a year ago after a tragic incident involving a bicyclist participating in a race that was struck in the City.

In order to reduce risk to the City and its citizens, promote public safety, and recoup City costs associated with oversight, the new ordinance (Chapter 26) defines special events that need permits.

They are **Athletic Events, Community Festivals, Pa-**

rades, Block Parties, and Private Events.

As a general rule if less than 100 people are part of the event, a City right-of-way is not being blocked, and sound is not being amplified, no permit is required. City sponsored events, and events held by the school and church, are exempted.

Short term rentals are still barred from hosting events of any kind.

For more information, read the entire chapter available via the City Code webpage or contact the City office for more information.

FALL CLEANING?

DON'T MISS
HEAVY METAL DAY
OCTOBER 15
9 AM—NOON

Bring large, bulky trash and Waste Management will dispose of it.

Collection will be behind Security State Bank at the Wayside Park. You can find the list of items that will be collected, along with their prices, posted on the bulletin board in front of the Village Hall and on the City's website.

COMPOST SITE WILL CLOSE FOR THE SEASON

The city-operated yard compost site will keep regular hours until the snow flies.

HOURS

Wednesday:
12pm - 7pm

Saturday
9am - 2:30pm



Marine Community Library

— Autumn 2022 —

Children’s Programming

Family Fun Night is back on at the Village Hall!

This is a great opportunity to meet other families in the community. Families can bring their favorite games to play and games like BINGO, Minute to Win It, book charades, and crafts will also be available. We'll have pizza from Scandia Pizza and strongly suggest that families RSVP so we can order enough. This is a free event but we suggest a donation of \$5/family for pizza.

Sept. 23, (no event in Oct), Nov.18, Dec.16

5:30–7:30 pm — Marine Village Hall

Thursday Morning Storytime

The library’s popular story times will resume October 6th at 10:30 am. They will occur weekly, in the library. No need to register; open to all ages.

Science Saturday

What is all around you all the time that was around in the time of dinosaurs? What is so soft it can run right through your hands? What can be so hard you can stand on it? What do you need every day? Yes, it is that amazing substance known as H₂O/ water! Come and experiment with ice balls, salt, sugar, food coloring, and something called surface tension. It'll be wet, it'll get messy, it'll be fun.

For students ages 5 -11. Register at marinecommunitylibrary.org

Oct. 15, 1:30-3:30 pm

Marine Village School Gym • 550 Pine St.

Adult Programming

River Radio Returns for its third season starting September 17th and continuing bi-weekly. Tune in on Saturday mornings at 9 am through the link on the library’s website, or listen later as a podcast.



River Radio will conduct two special programs for Marine City Council and Mayor candidates to discuss their platforms:

Forum featuring the three candidates for two Marine City Council seats:

- Charlie Anderson • Dana Vannen Anderson • Bill Miller •

Thursday, October 20, 7:00 pm — Marine Village Hall

Forum featuring the two candidates for Mayor of Marine:

- Kevin Nyenhuis • Lon Pardun •

Thursday, October 27, 7:00 pm — Marine Village Hall

You can submit questions either at the events or by email (info@marinecommunitylibrary.org).

Both events will be streamed live via Zoom with the recording available afterward.

Marine Community Library

TURNS 10

Library Birthday Party

Friday, October 7th

7:00 pm — Marine Village Hall

Marine Community Library celebrates its 10th birthday. Featured speaker will be Michael Hall, New York Times bestselling children’s author (“My Heart Is Like A Zoo”).

Michael, a former Marine resident, will talk about his craft and share his stories with us. We’ll have birthday cake as well! All members of the family are invited.



Battle Winter Blues with Creativity

Did you know that “people who engage in meaningful, productive activities they enjoy with others feel a sense of purpose and tend to live longer”? That’s according to the National Institute on Aging.

What’s even better is that the folk school model is an educational approach that places relationship, culture, and personal and community empowerment at the center of learning and life. And the best part? We have a folk school right here in Marine on St. Croix!

Marine Mills Folk School (MMFS) is now co-located with the new charter school, Marine Village School, in the former Marine Elementary building. Our teachers are guides in woodworking, fiber arts, baking, visual arts & crafts, and more. We offer lifelong, hands-on, whole person learning in a supportive environment that is fun, collaborative, and restorative.

Birthday celebration success

On Saturday, September 17, we hosted the Marine Fall Festival in celebration of our 4th birthday. We’re appreciative of our hard-working staff, board members and volunteers for making this such a successful event! Thanks to all of the residents, community members and organizations who joined us. Also, big thanks to our festival sponsors for their support: Security State Bank of Marine and the Scandia-Marine Lions Club.

We’re already planning next year’s festivities to be even grander than this year!

Exciting changes

The halls of our school are now echoing with younger voices! During the week, Marine Village School (MVS) students fill the hallways. On weekends, adult learners attend our folk school classes. We’ve enjoyed meeting our new neighbors inside the school and look forward to finding ways to grow our partnership.

Our team is also growing. Please join us in welcoming Julie McGarvie, Patte Kraske, and Pam Arnold to the Marine Mills Folk School Board. In addition, Cara Corey has been hired as our Program Support Coordinator.

If you’re interested in taking a class at the folk school, we’ve got a full schedule of traditional, hands-on creative classes for you. As we’ve grown, we’ve also been able to add more advanced classes to deepen your learning in fiber arts, woodworking, basketry, and more. We’re also always looking for volunteers to help



Floral arrangements with the Hanji Crew.

with monthly duties and/or special occasions. info@marinemillsfolkschool.org
Marine Mills Folk School: Discover the joy of creating together through traditional arts and crafts.

FREE EVENTS

Knit Night: Every Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Hosted by Liz Towers.

Open Carving: Second Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Hosted by Brian Keogh.

Bluegrass Jam Session: Third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Hosted by Randy Gildersleeve.

UPCOMING CLASSES

Oct. 1: Acrylic Painting: Expressionist Landscapes with Emily Anderson

Oct. 1, 8 & 15: Bridge Basics with Kay Hempel, Joyce Leslie, Isabel Steele

Oct. 8: Sami-Inspired Bracelets

Oct. 14-16: Build a Wooden Paddle with Kevin Nyenhuis

Oct. 15: Anyone Can Draw Travel Sketching

Oct. 15: Intro to Mosaics – Hearts

Oct. 21-22: Advanced Spoon Carving with Fred Livesay

Oct. 22: Felted Vases, Vessels and Bowls with Leslie Granbeck

Oct. 29: Crochet a Rope Basket with Cara Corey

Oct. 30: Papercutting with Torben Jarlstrøm Clausen

Nov. 5: Skinnfell Chair Pad with Becky Utecht

Nov. 11-13: Snowshoe Lacing (Intergenerational) with Peta Barrett

Nov. 12-13: Foundations of Kolrosing with Liesl Chatman

Nov. 5 & 12: Scandinavian Mittens with Liz Towers

Nov. 12, 13, 19, 20: Foraged and Farmed Holiday Wreaths

Dec. 3: Crochet Amigurumi Ornaments

Classes and events take place at 550 Pine Street unless otherwise noted. Thank you to Christ Lutheran Church for allowing us the occasional use of their kitchen space!

New classes are continually being added. Visit marinemillsfolkschool.org or contact info@marinemillsfolkschool.org for more information.



Marine Mills Folk School Board Members, 2022.

WINTER TRAIL GUIDE

Enjoy Marine’s public trails all winter — and make sure your neighbors can too

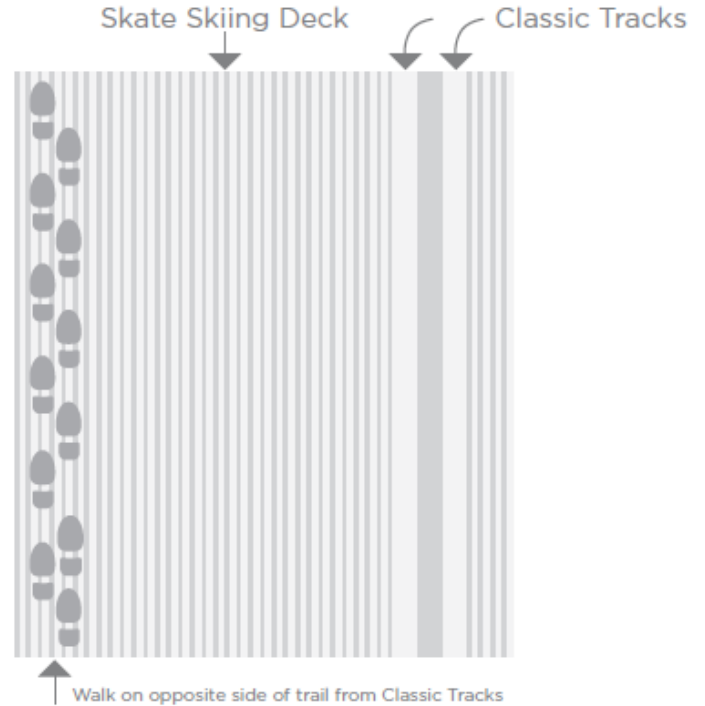
Trail Use: General Guidelines

- 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.

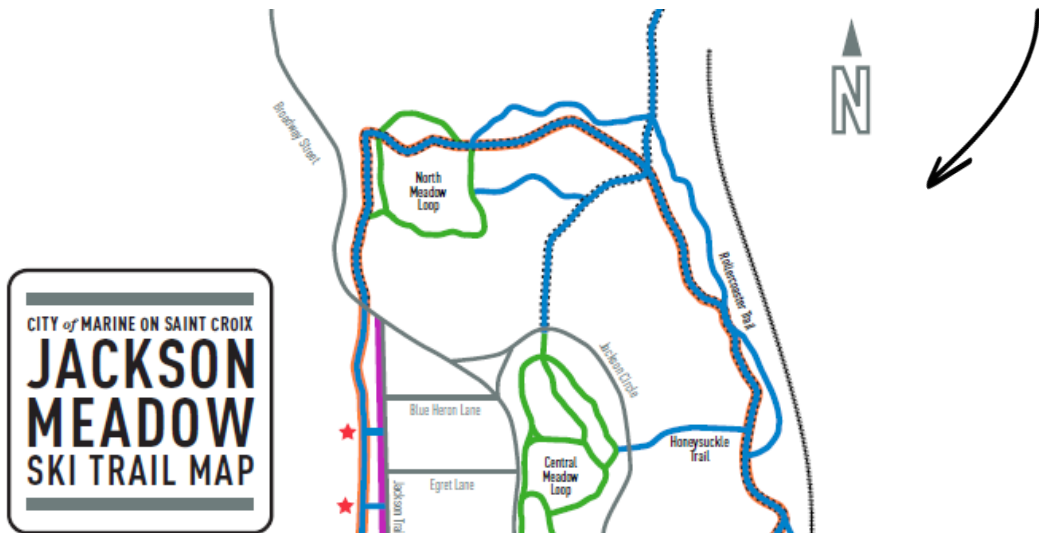
- The city encourages hikers in Jackson Meadow to stay on the multi-use trail (see map on next page).
- On the multi-use trail, walk on the opposite side of the classic skiing tracks (see graphic, right).
- If you are sinking more than an inch into the ski trail, please find an ungroomed trail to hike 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 o ski tracks freeze and make grooming difficult.

If you’d 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.

Find a map of the public Jackson Meadow ski trails at marineonstcroix.org/maps



We're on the web
www.marineonstcroix.org

2022 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

MARINEONSTCROIX.ORG

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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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