

# City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES

April, May, June 2023



## IMPORTANT DATES

April 10	Volunteer Fair
April 13	City Council Meeting
April 20	Statewide Tornado Drill; 1:45 & 6:45 pm
April 25	Planning Commission Meeting
May 6	Heavy Metal Day
May 6	Shred Day – Security State Bank
May 12	City Council Meeting
May 29	Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 29	Memorial Day Program
May 30	Planning Commission Meeting
June 8	City Council Meeting
June 17	Street Dance
June 27	Planning Commission Meeting

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## TREE REMOVALS PLANNED

### Part of Emerald Ash Borer Transition Program

As the City of Marine moves forward with its proactive Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) program, we wanted to let residents know that this year you will see approximately 12 trees taken down.

The majority of these will be in the City right of way, in the neighborhood north of town, on 2nd, 3rd and Oak streets. We have found a handful of these trees to be impacted by the bug already.

Other trees we are taking a proactive approach, removing trees that are a clear threat to homes, power lines and roadways.

We will also take down 2-3 trees within public green spaces, those locations yet to be determined. All trees removed will be replaced with another tree or shrub.

We do not have an exact date for this removal but expect a May date. For more information on the EAB threat, go here: <https://extension.umn.edu/tree-and-shrub-insects/emerald-ash-borers>

Please contact City Council Member Wendy Ward with any questions; 651 301-0633 or [wendy.ward@cityofmarine.org](mailto:wendy.ward@cityofmarine.org)



## PLANS EVOLVE FOR RENOVATIONS AT WILLIAM O'BRIEN STATE PARK

While designs, funding and contracting are not yet complete - exciting changes are coming to William O'Brien State Park. City officials and others met with DNR representatives to discuss future communication and program opportunities to minimize potential impact on park access during redevelopment of the lower portion of the park. A DNR open house on

the project will be scheduled in spring for the public and local communities to attend. The public and local community members will learn more about the project and how it supports the parks management plan. The city plans to organize and invite DNR officials to share project information as well. Watch for details on the city website.

## MARINE VILLAGE SCHOOL TO DOUBLE ENROLLMENT



Marine Village school is pleased to announce that we have 75 students enrolled for next year! This is more than double the 35 students we currently have; we started last September with 29 students.

**Finding Nemo** — Friday, March 31st at 7 pm, MVS students will hit the stage once again to perform *Finding Nemo, Jr*, a brand-new production released by Music Theater International. Students have combined their academic studies in ecology with their love of the performing

arts to bring this show to life! Come cheer them on, tour the school to see ocean-themed artwork, and see their recent biome creations in ecology class. Tickets are available online on the school website or at the school office.

**Talent Show** — We have planned a Talent Show Fundraiser for Friday, April 21, at 7 pm. If you would like to share your talent, please contact Dr Kimberly Kokx at 208 308 8380. There will also be a Gala Dinner to be held in late May or June. Stay tuned for more details.

**Other News** — Our kids totally enjoyed

snow shoeing and skating this winter. Many thanks to the donors who provided twenty pairs of snow shoes, and to the many volunteers who helped with the skating rink.

In January, the school hired a full-time Special Education teacher who has a vast array of experience in special education curriculum. For next year we will hire one more teacher, and will also hire para teachers to help out in some classrooms. We will continue to rely on parents and volunteers for help both in the classroom and in the office. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Dr Kim.



"Winter Food," Carrie Katzenmeyer.

## MARINE WILL WELCOME THREE NEW UTILITY BOX MURALS

By Fitzie Heimdahl

Three artists have been selected to wrap utility boxes with original artwork as the latest addition to the Power of the St. Croix Utility Box Mural Project. The project has invited artists to display their work on utility boxes around the theme of the St. Croix River. Artists selected are: Marine artists Emily Anderson and Carrie Katzenmeyer, and Stephanie Howell of Roberts, WI.

Emily's piece, "Beloved Place," depicts an iconic spot on the River Trail in William O'Brien State Park with the river alongside the towering pines.

Carrie's piece, "Winter Meal," ties together both of lines of her heritage, Na-

tive American and Norwegian, through a collaboration of loosely based designs inspired by American Indian beading and bright colors and animals that would be incorporated into Norwegian design. Stephanie's piece, "N.3," is a combination of a few different areas of the St. Croix. Her goal is for people from different areas of the river to see something they can connect to.

These installations will be installed in 2023. They will be an addition to the five artist murals created in Marine, including a mural dedicated to the late artist Susan Lieber at Christ Lutheran Church, in 2022.



"Beloved Place," Emily Anderson.



"N.3" by Stephanie Howell.





**APRIL 10 • 4-7 PM**

**VILLAGE HALL  
121 JUDD ST.**

**Meet new people. Use your skills.  
Help the community.**

Looking for new or renewed ways to participate in Marine area organizations? Join your fellow citizens in the upper hall, enjoy some ice cream, and talk with others who want to serve the community through volunteer participation.



**MEMORIAL  
DAY  
PROGRAM**

The annual Memorial Day Program will be held at Oakland Cemetery on Monday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m.

**STREET  
DANCE:  
JUNE 17**

• 5:30 PM •  
DOWNTOWN



**MARINE MILL**

**A CLEARER VIEW OF  
MARINE'S HISTORY**

Mill site leadership transitioned from Curt Moe to co-leads Bob Benishek, Fred Rozumalski, and Julie Warren.

Looking ahead to 2023, we have a goal of making the site more accessible to visitors by trimming back the greenery surrounding the mill site ruins.

Volunteer activities will start in May with regular site clean up and trimming work. We will also be vaccinating 10 ash trees in spring and installing the new interpretive signs later this year.

We're hoping to see you at the April Volunteer Fair as there are always opportunities to assist at the site.

**Council Invites Input on Short-Term Rental Ordinance**

The City's Short Term Rental (STR) ordinance (Ch. 30, City Code) has withstood litigation and has proved to be a reasonable and legal solution. Though we are satisfied with what we have on the books, the City Council has committed to identifying and implementing potential solutions that may improve the overall text and process. Any citizen interested in providing input for consideration should do so with attention to Mayor Nyenhuis and Councilman Anderson by April 14. Contact the mayor and council-

man by email or phone number to set up an in-person or remote meeting. Written comments by email or letter are also acceptable, but please be mindful that sending mass emails to more than two elected representatives at once violates open meeting law (quorum). Send any STR-related correspondence for this purpose to Mayor Nyenhuis and Councilman Anderson, and Cc the city clerk. This will ensure that your voice is heard and responded to in the most appropriate manner.

**City Leaders Seek Solution for Dog Feces in Parks**

Within the past couple years there has been an exponential increase in the amount of dog feces on city property, especially village parks. City Code 5.01(6) "Dogs on leash: Sanitation" makes it a misdemeanor for a person in custody or control of a dog off their own property to fail to leash their dog and fail to immediately remove dog feces and dispose of it in a

sanitary manner. The ongoing violation of this ordinance is unacceptable, and the council will explore enforcement if the situation does not improve. It is easy to blame out-of-towners, but the reality is that many offenders are likely your neighbors. The council has authorized signage and a dog feces bag dispenser in Gazebo Park to encourage compliance.

**Interested in Cable Internet For Your Home?**

If you do not have internet service delivered via cable and wish to, please contact the City Office to determine whether or not your property is subject to the Midco Franchise

Agreement, which provides cable to a household under specific conditions. Note that the agreement covers the installation of cable, NOT internet subscription.

**2022 Mill Site achievements:**

- Productive volunteer work days clearing site debris, invasive species, and downed limbs.
- Partnered with Minnesota Historical Society to provide strategy, insight, and historical content for new interpretive signage on the site. The updated signs will be more inclusive and focus on the relevance of the site across time. Curt Moe pulled together a talented team who are passionate about the site and Marine history. Thank you to Mill Site Interpretive Signage committee members: Andy Kramer, Phil Anderson, Curt Moe, Wendy Ward, Anne Reich, and Julie Warren.
- Awarded a Buckthorn Buster award from MOSC council member, Wendy Ward, for all the fabulous buckthorn removal work done by volunteers over the years.

**Special thanks** to the Mill Site volunteers over the years: Curt Moe, Anne Reich, Jim Schoeller, David Stephens, Larry Whitaker, Tom Omdahl, Linda Tibbetts, John Goodfellow, Wendy Paulsen, Bob Downs, Mike Tibbetts, Molly Arnason and any others I inadvertently missed. Also a big shout out to Tommy and Rob for mowing, hauling brush away, and general site assistance through out the year.

# Marine Community Library

## — Spring 2023 —

### Marine Library Association Establishes Endowment Fund

MarLA has established an endowment fund with the goal of building long-term financial stability for the Library. The endowment fund is managed by the St. Croix Valley Foundation. Gifts made to the fund will be invested for the long-term, with income generated by the endowment paid annually to the library. It is a way for patrons, residents and other supporters to help assure decades of financial health for the Library. Contact us at [info@marinecommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@marinecommunitylibrary.org), or call Jim Maher at (651) 433-4647 if you'd like more information about the endowment and how you might be able to participate.

## Adult Programs



### River Radio

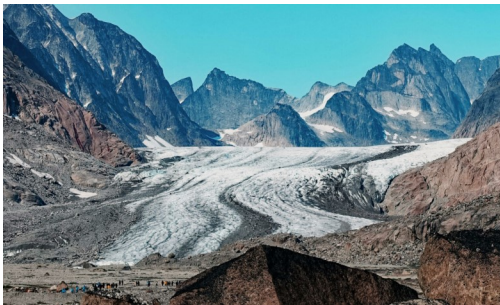
The St. Croix Valley's own webcast/pod-cast continues through mid-May. It provides insights on your community and your world. Check out the library of River Radio podcasts, now with more than 50 episodes in the library.

**Upcoming programs:** March 18 • April 1 • April 15 • April 29 • May 13

### Greenland: A Canary in the Coal Mine for Climate Change

April 20 at 7:00 p.m. – Marine Village Hall

Greenland is on the front lines of the impacts of climate change. It has been the subject of study by Adam Heathcote, Director of the Department of Water and Climate Change at the Science Museum of Minnesota's St. Croix Watershed Research Station. Adam will show what his research has discovered about how Greenland is a forerunner in what could be coming climate change trends worldwide. Local resident Jack Matlock, an experienced world traveler, will share some perspectives on his own experiences in Greenland.



## Children's Programs

### Thursday Storytime

In April and May, join us for special stories every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. Free! For all ages.

### Brodini Comedy Magic Show

Saturday April 1 at 10:30 a.m. – Marine Village Hall  
Laugh and be amazed by magic! Master Magician Graylyn Morris will raise spirits and test kids' powers of concentration as he manipulates ropes, scarves, balls, and other magician props in a perplexing "now you see it, now you don't" performance!  
Funding provided by the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA). Free! For all ages.

### Family Earth Day Clean-up and Celebration!

Saturday, April 22 at 10:30 a.m. – Marine Village Hall and outdoors  
Come together to celebrate and care for our home – Earth. All ages needed and welcome.

### Summer Kick-off Celebration

Saturday, June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to noon – Marine Gazebo  
Don't miss this fun event which will kick-off our summer programs with entertainment, activities, prizes and more. Free!

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Mondays	10 am – 1 pm
Tuesdays	4 pm – 7 pm
Wednesdays	3 pm – 6 pm
Thursdays	10 am – 1 pm
Fridays	4 pm – 7 pm
Saturdays	9 am – 12 pm







## MARINE MILLS FOLK SCHOOL EXPANDS REACH

Marine Mills Folk School has had a busy and productive 2023. Awareness of the school has grown beyond the St. Croix Valley and class attendees are coming from across the Twin Cities and western Wisconsin. Plus, more folks are coming to the Village early to pick up coffee or buy their lunch before class, and are staying in the St. Croix Valley afterwards to eat and shop before heading home.

**New classes this spring:** Join us!

- Forest Therapy Walks on April 15 and May 13
- Learn to Sew on April 29
- West African Drumming each Saturday in April
- Rug Hooking on May 6
- Alcohol Ink Flowers on May 13
- Make a Wooden Flute on May 20

**Free community events:** Drop in, tour our classes, learn more about us!

- Tuesday Knit Nights: 6:30 – 8 pm
- Dare to Repair fix-it clinic: 9 am – 12 pm, first Saturday of the month
- Bluegrass Jam Session: 10 am – 12 pm, second Saturday of the month
- Open Wood Carving (18+): 10 am – 12 pm, second Saturday of the month

- Beginners Bridge Group: Third Saturday and fourth Tuesday of the month
- Women’s Clothing Swap: April 14

### Big helpers

A big thank you to all of our volunteers! From assisting on class days to serving on our board of directors, we are grateful for your help. All volunteers receive class and merchandise discounts, and can earn free classes. If you’re interested in helping, send a note to [info@marinemillsfolkschool.org](mailto:info@marinemillsfolkschool.org).

### Good news!

- Our memberships are increasing, we recently received two grants (thanks to Hugh J. Andersen Foundation and St. Croix Valley Foundation!), and financial support from donors is growing. We couldn’t keep the folk school going without this critical support!
- We’re going on the road this spring. Visit our booth at Midwest Mountaineering Expo in Minneapolis (April 28-30) and Shepherd’s Harvest Festival at the Washington County Fairgrounds (May 12-14).
- Save the dates! The Marine Fall Festival will be held Saturday, September 16 and the first Marine Mills Folk School Fund-

raiser & Silent Auction will be held October 1.

- We’re on track to open our Woodworking Studio later this spring. Read our e-newsletter and social media channels to learn more about how you can get involved.



For a complete list of upcoming classes, visit [marinemillsfolkschool.org](http://marinemillsfolkschool.org).

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

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

# SPRING CLEANING? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

SAVE THE DATE  
**MAY 6**

## Heavy Metal Day

9 am—noon, Saturday, May 6

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.

## Shred Day

9 am—noon, Saturday, May 6

Security State Bank will be sponsoring a "Shred It" day. There will be a truck available for paper shredding in front of the Bank.

## PLANNING A BONFIRE OR PRAIRIE BURN?

You must obtain a permit before burning any pile larger than 3x3, the size of a typical campfire.

Spring burning restrictions are currently in flux, so check the DNR burning permit page ([dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html](http://dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/questions.html)) or call the city office for the latest.

When spring burning restrictions are in effect, no burn permits will be issued without a variance from the DNR. However, 3x3 recreational fires are still permitted.

Once restrictions are lifted, you must obtain a permit from the city office before burning any pile larger than 3x3—campfire size.

### How to Get a Permit

To obtain a permit, contact the City office during regular business hours Monday through Thursday.

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. Burning must take place between 6pm — 8am.

Before burning, check the DNR's website for current restrictions:

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



## COMPOST SITE

The city is planning to open the compost site in mid April.

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

- **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.
- The compost site closes during inclement weather.

### HOURS

**Wednesdays**

Noon to 7pm

**Saturdays**

9am to 4pm



## COMPOST ATTENDANT NEEDED

The City is hiring a compost attendant.

Wednesday noon-7pm

Saturdays 9am -4pm

Interested parties can contact the City office during regular office hours.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS OFFER PRACTICAL ECOLOGICAL INSPIRATION FOR MARINE LANDOWNERS

**Learn from local technical professionals at Washington Conservation District regarding actions you can take on your property to promote improved ecological health of the St. Croix River Valley.**

Additional information and registration for each event is located on the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District Website at [www.cmscwd.org/events](http://www.cmscwd.org/events)

**Bee Lawns and Lawn Alternatives** – April 3, 6-7:30pm (online). Learn how to create low-mow and pollinator-friendly lawns. Presented by Angie Hong (EMWREP) and James Wolfin (Twin City Seed).

**Protect Your Shore Workshop** – April 18, 6:30-8pm (online). Learn how to protect your shoreline against erosion and enhance aquatic and upland habitat

for fish and wildlife. Presented by Elissa Thompson (Washington CD), Mike Isensee (Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix WD), and Barbara Heitkamp (EMWREP / Lower St. Croix).



**Restore Your Shore Workshop** – May 8, 6:30-8pm (online). Learn how to transform your lakeshore property with landscape design strategies that incorpo-

rate pathways, docks, and access to the water, while also providing healthy habitat for pollinators, fish, and wildlife. Presented by Lori Tella (Washington CD), Tom Langer (Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix WD) and Angie Hong (EMWREP).

**Managing Woodlands for Resiliency** – June 6, 6-8pm at Belwin Conservancy in Afton. Learn how to manage buckthorn, garlic mustard and other invasive species; build resiliency and adapt to changing climate patterns; and support birds and wildlife. Presented by Tara Kelly (Washington CD) and Lynette Anderson (Belwin).

**Thinking about a project or could use some inspiration?**

Schedule a free site visit with Washington Conservation District technical staff at [www.mnwcd.org](http://www.mnwcd.org)

## TRAILS & TAILS

Trail Etiquette & Reminders

**Keep an eye out for temporary signs.** For example, bicycles or horses may be temporarily prohibited from using the trails due to conditions.

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

**Clean up after your dog (see full story on page 2).**

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.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR DOG LICENSE

Stop by City Hall or mail this form with your dog's rabies certificate (not the rabies tag) and \$10 to renew. The City Code on pets is available on our website: [www.marineonstcroix.org](http://www.marineonstcroix.org). See chapter 5.

### City of Marine on St. Croix—APPLICATION FOR DOG LICENSE (\$10)

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.





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We're on the web

[www.marineonstcroix.org](http://www.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](http://marineonstcroix.org) for links.*

### City Staff

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Maintenance Shop 651-433-5492

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Chairman Scott Spisak

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

*Meetings are last Tuesday of each month 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall and via Zoom. See [marineonstcroix.org](http://marineonstcroix.org) for links.*

**Get the newsletter  
via email:**



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The newsletter is also available online:  
[www.marineonstcroix.org](http://www.marineonstcroix.org)

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