

City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES



October, November, December 2023

COUNCIL SETS MAXIMUM LEVY: \$1,034,627

The Marine on St. Croix City Council has set the maximum levy for 2024 at \$1,034,627.27, representing a 5.9% increase from 2023.

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, November 30, 6:00 pm at the Village Hall. The meeting will be held in person with the option to attend remotely.

The largest proposed increases are for

road maintenance and inflationary adjustments for staff, including firefighters. Copies of the proposed budget can be found on the City website and are available at the City office during regular business hours.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Oct. 9 | Columbus Day— City Office Closed |
| Oct. 11 | Fire&Rescue Open House |
| Oct. 12 | City Council Meeting |
| Oct. 14 | Heavy Metal Day |
| Oct. 24 | Planning Commission Meeting |
| Nov. 7 | Special Election |
| Nov. 9 | City Council Meeting |
| Nov. 23-24 | Thanksgiving— City Office Closed |
| Nov. 28 | Planning Commission Meeting |
| Nov. 30 | Truth in Taxation |
| Dec. 14 | City Council Meeting |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day — City Office Closed |

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Special Election: November 7

Stillwater School District Seeks to Bond for Nearly \$175 Million



The Stillwater Area Public School Board is seeking voter approval for general obligation bonds not

to exceed \$174,845,000.

The bond funding would be used to acquire and improve school facilities including:

- New buildings at Lake Elmo and Andersen elementary schools
- Construction of classroom space and a gym at Oak-Land Middle School
- Safety and security improvements throughout the district

Marine Village School is not part of the Stillwater School District and will not benefit from the bond.

Tax Impact

Approval of the ballot question would increase property taxes beginning with taxes payable in 2024. The debt service tax levies would continue for 22 years.

According to information from the district, the bond request would increase the taxes on a median priced home of \$500,000 approximately \$201 per year.

See: www.stillwaterschools.org/our-district/bond-2023

How to Vote

Voting will take place 7 a.m.—8 p.m., November 7, in at the MAY TOWN HALL: 13939 Norell Ave N, Stillwater, MN 55082

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

ICE RINK ATTENDANTS NEEDED

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

COMMUNITY SURVEY

CIVIC CELEBRATIONS

The Marine on Saint Croix Citizens for Civic Celebrations (CCC) Group is seeking your input to help steer the future of city-sponsored events in Marine. We want to know what types of events you value the most and why.

Please take a short survey using the following link. The survey will be open until October 31, 2023. Thank you!

<https://forms.gle/yFJEstikpdF79ap47>

LAST 2023 Buckthorn Busting at Stonehouse Museum...Come Join the Fun!

Want some fun under the fall leaves next to a historic building?

When: **Sunday October 15, 10 am—2 pm** — come when you can and stay as long as you like.

Where: We will be removing buckthorn trees and shrubs on the hillside between the Stone House Museum (241 5th St) and Highway 95. Please park on 5th Street and access the hillside via the museum property.

We recommend wearing gloves and sturdy clothing... buckthorn is known to fight back.

We will have some equipment on hand but you are invited to bring brush saws, pruners, buckthorn pullers, etc. Buckthorn stumps will be treated with herbicide. We'll work to do so safely and in a minimal way.

We'll provide light snacks and water — come on down!



Mill Stream Community Visioning Workshop

Monday, November 13, 6 p.m.
Marine Village Hall | 121 Judd St.

Mill Stream is an iconic and integral part of Marine on St. Croix and an important ecological feature of the St. Croix River.

Join us for an interactive evening to learn about the current health of the stream and help us form a vision of restoration for the future of the segment that flows through Burris Park.

On Monday, November 13 at the Marine City Hall, the Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District, Washington Conservation District, and City of Marine on St. Croix will host a community workshop to start a conversation about the ecological future of Mill Stream.

Please consider attending to share your knowledge, experience, concerns, and desires for this integral piece of historic Marine and the St. Croix Valley. If you have questions or com-

ments, please contact Mike Isensee at mike.isensee@cmsc wd.org or (651) 275-7451

“A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise.”

— Aldo Leopold



PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE HOLLOW: 53 ACRES OF PUBLIC LAND WITHIN JACKSON MEADOW

October 12, 6 p.m.

City Council Chambers | 121 Judd St.

The Marine City Council invites residents to attend and comment at the public hearing for the Hollow. The Hollow is a 53-acre City owned parcel within Jackson Meadow that received a three year, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Legacy grant in 2022.

The Hollows are surrounded by public trails used for hiking, Nordic skiing, dog walking, running, mtn biking, birding and other activities. Perhaps you have used them, love them, are curious or care about them? We are asking for your input as to how you would like to see this special area managed.

Please go to the draft Hollow Natural Resources Assessment and Management

Plan: <https://tinyurl.com/hollowpublichearing> or on the City website under “Public Hearings.”

You will see a draft, proposed management plan for sections of prairie, wetland and forest. *Looking at included maps, Area B, the oak woodland, is our first priority.* Page 11 proposes a target outcome of an oak savannah, with page 12 describing how to get there. This process of target outcomes and management recommendations is laid out for the whole of the Hollow.

We hope to see you October 12. This is your land...Thank you for engaging with the City.

If you have any questions, reach out to Councilmember Wendy Ward: wendy.ward@cityofmarine.org 651-301-0633.



City-owned lands in Marine on St. Croix, highlighted in green.



MARINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

— AUTUMN 2023 —

Bob White Art

Bob White (Marine resident) has a show of his paintings at the Marine library that will be up through the end of November. The paintings are landscapes from the years he has worked in Alaska and continues to travel there. He has titled the group of paintings in the library "Color and Light Reflected -- Alaskan Landscapes."

IMAGE: Courtesy Bob White and the Marine Community Library

Children's Programming

The summer was fun and busy with activities from camp to story times to bingo to hula hooping and magic. Watch for school year programming announcements and visit the library for a wide selection of books for children of all ages.

**Sing, Play & Learn with MacPhail:
Wheels Make Music**
October 14: 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Join MacPhail Center for Music's early childhood music specialists as we explore the magic of music and play. Through hands-on musical play activities families will experience music's impact on learning and reading readiness. Together we will sing, rhyme, read, move and create!

Details: Ages 0 to 5 years old (with caregivers) | **Free!** With thanks to the Legacy Program of Washington County. | Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix

Little Free Library

LILLESKOGEN PARK – SCANDIA

Marine Community Library sponsored the installation of a little free library in Lilleskogen Park in Scandia this summer.

It's a replica of the historic water tower barn planned to be rebuilt in Scandia.

Visit to swap books!



Adult Programming

River Radio returns to the airways for its 5th season on September 30, 2023. You can listen live through a link or listen as a podcast after the show airs.

Visit the RIVER RADIO page via marinecommunitylibrary.org to learn more about River Radio, and to access replays of past shows.



Program Dates
September 30
October 14
October 28
November 11
December 2
December 16

Marine Mills Folk School September 2023 Update

DISCOVER THE JOY OF CREATING TOGETHER FROM A FOLK SCHOOL TRADITION!

On September 16, Marine Mills Folk School once again hosted the revived and reimagined Marine Fall Festival.

This year, a combination of perfect weather, scores of local art events, and community support resulted in an astonishing turnout. More than 800 people attended the free festival, taking in the live bluegrass music, crafting and sheep-dog herding demos, fire trucks, a county snowplow, children's activities, and 60 artisan-vendors selling their wares. We are grateful to our neighbors for tolerating the congestion that came with the festival.

A special thanks also to the Scandia-Marine Lions Club. They went above and beyond to make the festival a success, volunteering time, expertise and resources. Security State Bank of Marine provided financial support that allowed us to bring in music, games, and portable restrooms. Dozens of volunteers showed up before, during and after the festival, making sure that visitors experienced the best our community has to offer!

Now that the festival is over, we've resumed our regular weekly schedule. Classes are held mainly on Saturdays at 550 Pine Street, with the occasional class at Christ Lutheran Church. We're continually adding new classes and welcoming new teachers to the school. Please join us soon!

Over the spring and summer, the old portable classroom at the school was renovated and is now home to the Marine Mills Folk School Wood Studio. It's been fabulous having a dedicated space in which to host classes as well as monthly Open Wood Carving sessions, where any adult is welcome to drop in and try their hand at wood carving.

You're welcome to drop in during any Community Events and see the school, staff levels permitting: Dare to Repair Fix-it Clinic (first Saturday of the month), Open Carving and Bluegrass Jam Session (second Saturday of the month), Beginner's Bridge (third Saturday and fourth Tuesday of the month), and Knit Night every Tuesday. No RSVP is necessary, just be sure to check the schedule online at MarineMillsFolkSchool.org first.



Marine Mills Folk School team members at the Marine Fall Festival, September 16.

UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

- Beginning Crop Art with MN State Fair Blue Ribbon Winner Liz Schreiber: Oct. 7
- Beginning Photography for Kids with Carl Wegener: Oct. 7 & 14
- Wood-fired Pizza and Flatbreads: Oct. 8 (in partnership with Christ Lutheran Church)
- Women's Clothing Swap: Oct. 13
- Build a Wooden Paddle with Mayor Kevin Nyenhuis: Oct. 20-22
- Writing Workshop: Oct. 28
- Snowshoe Lacing: Nov. 10-12

For a complete list of upcoming classes, visit marinemillsfolkschool.org.

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!

Marine Village School Begins Second Year

School is in full swing at Marine Village School! We have exploded in students and are loving having 95 kids enter our doors each day.

Buses are busy, vans are running up and down the roads (thank you Christ Lutheran Church), our kitchen will open to serve free breakfast and lunch on September 18, and we are so thankful to the community for walking alongside us as we have GROWN!

Even in our first two weeks, students are already challenged in their academic studies, art classes are well underway, and students are dancing to our fall musical production, *Newsies, Jr!*

What's new in academics this year? We have a science specialist who will be raising the bar in our science and ecology studies, our Spanish classes are expanding, and literary specialists are working with students as we continue to strive full student literacy by the third grade.

Our 2022-23 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments scores soared beyond our expectations—why? We believe our seasoned staff, small classes, and an early emphasis on reading is key.

What's new in art? In addition to our art classes, MVS has partnered with the Marine Mill Folk School in introducing the SPARK program. SPARK invites working artists into the school once a month to expand our students' love and appreciation for the artistic world around them.

Want to come see how fantastic a day in the life of MVS is? Come volunteer! We always need help cleaning up, reading to students, working outside, and a variety of other things! Contact Dr. Kokx at kimk@marinevillageschool.org for more information.

And again, thank you to the Marine community for always understanding it takes a village to educate a child!



PHOTO: Courtesy Marine Village School

Some of the cast of *Newsies, Jr.* yell, "VICTORY!"

RESTORATION SOCIETY THANKS 2023 VOLUNTEERS

Thank you, walkers, runners, families, and fans, who came out for the 2023 Marine 4th of July race.

We're thrilled to announce that it was a banner year for the race.



PHOTO: Gene DiLorenzo courtesy MRS

Mayor Kevin Nyenhuis high fives a young race enthusiast.

The Marine Restoration Society acknowledges the following for their hard work and commitment to the 4th of July race... rain or shine.

Race Planning Committee

Robbi Strandemo
Sebastian Corby
Bill Simpson
Gayle & Jim Knutson
Katie & Christian Brekke
Bjorn Hagstrom

Volunteers

Irene Qualters
Linda Overchuck
Janet Ames
Colleen Peterson
Jane Powell
Sue Suby
Dave & Alyce Brekke
Wendy Ward
Erik Henry

Volunteers (continued)

Andy Powell
Elois Powell
Kevin Neinheis
Chelsea Dummer
Kathy and Randy Ferrin
Molly Arneson
Annie Minich
Gene and Loralee DiLorenzo

Special Thanks to:

- City of Marine Staff
- Marine Fire and Rescue
- Marine Cornet Band
- Jack, Robert, and William DeGonda Vocals
- Gene DiLorenzo for the sound equipment and support
- Master of Ceremonies, Kevin Nyenhuis
- Bill Simpson for his dedication to this "long running" event.

HUNTING SEASON UNDERWAY

- **Bow Hunting** September 16 - December 31 •
 - **Shotgun** November 4 - 12 •
- **Muzzle Loader** November 25- December 10 •

Within Marine’s city limits, **permits are required for anyone hunting with a firearm** (Ch. 9, Section 1). These permits are available at the City office during regular business hours.

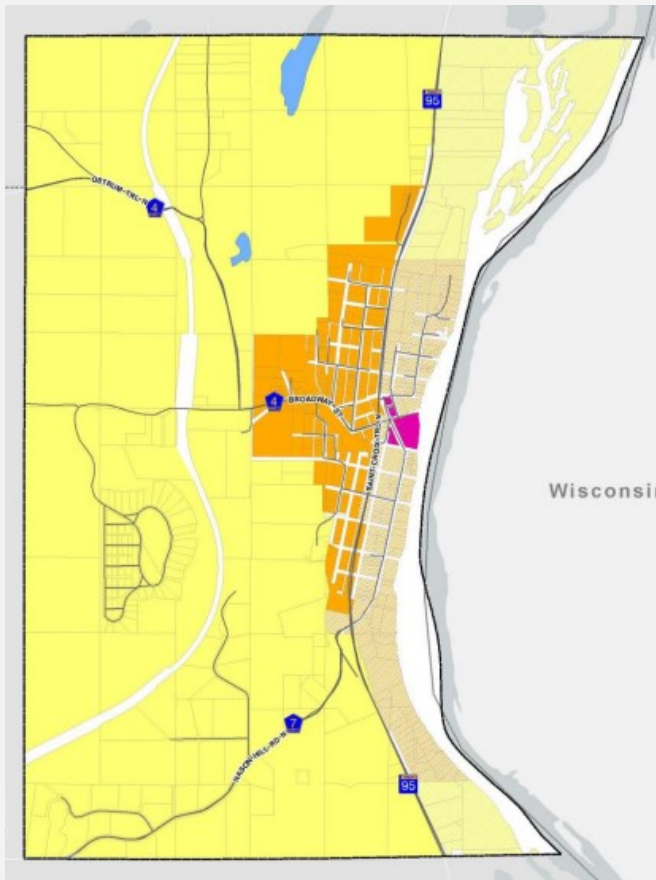
Property owners interested in allowing bow hunters on their

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.



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.

FIRE & RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 11 | 6-8 PM
FIRE HALL: 160 JUDD ST.

WINTER PARKING

PARK OFF STREET OVERNIGHT

November 15 - 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 drivable. Between 2 and 6 am the City has authority to tow your vehicle at your expense, per Ch. 24 of the city code.

FALL CLEANING?

DON'T MISS
HEAVY METAL DAY
OCTOBER 14
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



We're on the web
www.marineonstroix.org

2023 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 marineonstroix.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 marineonstroix.org for links.

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