

City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES



July, August, September 2024

IMPORTANT DATES

July 4	City Office Closed
July 4	Race and Parade
July 11	City Council Meeting
July 30	Planning Commission Meeting
August 8	City Council Meeting
August 27	Planning Commission Meeting
Sept. 2	Labor Day – Office Closed
Sept. 12	City Council Meeting
Sept. 24	Planning Commission Meeting

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PHOTO: Courtesy Marine Restoration Society

Justine Jones and Clara Wicklund at the 4th of July Running Race, 2023.

INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

Thursday, July 4, 2024

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Primary and General Elections 2024

Local Candidate Filing Opens July 30

Local candidate filing open Tuesday, July 30 and goes through Thursday, August 13.

The polling location for all Marine residents is the Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd St.

How to Run

Filing affidavits can be picked up at the City office during regular business hours. The filing fee is \$2.

Positions Open

Mayor – 2 year term
Council member – 4 year term
Council member – 4 year term

Election Dates

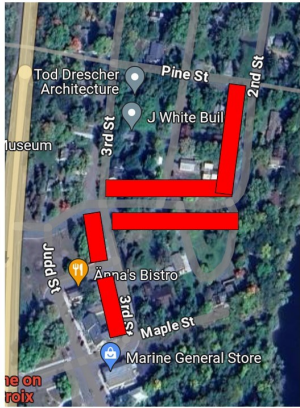
Primary Election:
Tuesday, August 13, 7am – 8pm
General Election:
Tuesday, November 5, 7am-8pm



GRAPHIC: Courtesy Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District
Mill Stream restoration: see story on page 5.

Park Closure Impacts Marine

The closure of William O'Brien State Park and its river-access boat launch have impacted Marine, creating the need for increased parking restrictions and word-of-mouth promotion of alternative launch sites.



Summer Parking Restrictions

Foreseeing an increase in parking pressure this summer due to reconstruction at William O'Brien State Park's landing as well as unanticipated occupancy increases at Brookside Bar & Grill, the Marine City Council passed parking restrictions in May (updated in June). Designed to keep the streets unencumbered - especially for emergency response vehicles - the parking plan may be modified based on traffic conditions and parking behavior. The Washington County Sheriff's Office has been proactively engaged to provide patrol during peak use to ensure legal parking and facilitate access.

Temporary Parking Restrictions

- Memorial Day weekend (Friday, May 24) through Labor Day (Monday, September 2)
- Friday - Sunday and observed holidays, as marked on "No Parking Zone" signs.
- Portions of 2nd Street, Oak Street, 3rd Street, and Judd Street

TELL A NEIGHBOR, TELL A FRIEND Where to Launch That Boat?

For those looking to enjoy the St. Croix River near William O'Brien State Park, Minnesota Department of Resources recommends the following alternatives to William O'Brien State Park:

Interstate State Park boat ramp - 408 Milltown Rd., Taylors Falls

Franconia Landing - 29001 Summer St., Franconia Township

Osceola Landing - 19351 Osceola Rd., Shafer

Log House Landing - 16971 205th St. N., Scandia

Somerset Landing - 261 Marine Rd., Somerset, WI

St. Croix Boomsite - 9134 Highway 95, Stillwater

Note: Upstream travel stops at the Soo Line High Bridge to prevent the spread of zebra mussels.

For the latest on construction at WOB park, visit: www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/william-obrien-accessibility-improvements.html.

FOURTH OF JULY RUNNING RACE

marine4thofjulyrace.com

• Lions Pavilion • Hay Lake School

14020 195th St N
Marine On Saint Croix,
MN 55047

\$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

RACE DETAILS

Time:

7:30-8:45 AM Registration

at Hay Lake School
Lions Pavilion

9:15 AM 4 Mile and 2
Mile race start

Location:

4 Mile Race - START Hay

Lake School / END Marine

Elementary

2 Mile Race - START 2

Miles from Hay Lake

School / END Marine

Elementary

Hay Lake School Lions

Pavilion - Washington

County Road 3 and Old

Marine Trail.

Age Classes:

2 Mile - 6 and under, 7-8,

9-10, 11-12, 13-17, 18-29,

30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-

69, 70 and over.

4 Mile - 14 and under, 15-

17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49,

50-59, 60-69, 70 and

over.

Race Contact Info

Questions? Visit

marine4thofjulyrace.com.

The Marine 4th of July Race is a 4 Mile Running Race and 2 Mile Run/Walk to benefit the Marine on St. Croix Restoration Society.

Online Registration

\$20 individual/\$55 family (up to 6). Payment via credit card or PayPal.

Online Registration Closes: July 2nd at 11:59pm.

Please consider registering online for a more pleasurable day of race experience

Day-Of Registration

\$25 individual/\$60 family (up to 6). Cash or checks payable to Marine Restoration Society.

T-SHIRTS

Race t-shirts will be available to purchase on the morning of the race for



PHOTO: Courtesy Marine Restoration Society

From left: Marine on St. Croix Mayor Kevin Nyenhuis with racers Lois DeGonda and Anne Minich.

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE

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. Marine General Store will have food for sale.

City Presses Pause on Cannabis and Hemp Cultivation

Planning Commission Seeks Input From Residents on Future Regulations

After setting moratoria in March on sales and cultivation of high-THC cannabis, the City updated its temporary ban in May to include new cultivation of cannabis, including hemp. Council also set a one-year moratorium on agricultural uses in the Lower St. Croix districts, including hemp (expires May 9, 2025).

Regarding regulations for future retail operations, the City's planning firm recommended waiting for model ordinances from the Office of Cannabis Management. These were released in late June and are tentatively slated for discussion at the July 30 Planning Commission meeting.

The Planning Commission is considering the following topics, and invites input from residents at upcoming meetings or emailed to City Clerk Lynette Peterson, mosc@cityofmarine.org.

- In what districts are the cannabis retail, cultivation, and processing appropriate?
- How many retail licenses are appropriate? (Must allow at least one per 12,500 residents, rounded up.)
- What hours of operation are appropriate? (Cities have discretion over night-

time hours 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. and daytime hours 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.).

- Should the City place restrictions on cannabis retail near schools, day cares, playgrounds, athletic fields, or residential treatment facilities?
- Is indoor cannabis and/or hemp cultivation an agricultural or light-industrial use?
- What performance standards are needed for cannabis cultivation at either the state or local level to ensure odors, light pollution, chemical disposal, and security are managed properly?

Regarding agricultural uses, during the next year the City will study the following questions:

- How should "agriculture" be defined?
- What are the current or potential impacts of agricultural uses on surrounding properties?
- How do ag uses meet or not meet the purpose and intent of the Lower St. Croix District?
- Should ag uses be allowed in the SC-RR and SC-UR districts? If so, how (principal vs. accessory, permitted vs. conditional)?



- If ag uses are allowed, what standards, if any are appropriate? Current standards are primarily focused on animal keeping.

Background

The Minnesota Legislature legalized adult-use cannabis in May 2023, with retail sales on hold until regulations and licensing are in place, expected January 2025.

In March 2024, the City placed a moratorium on cannabis sales and commercial cultivation (expires Jan. 1, 2025), and a 12-month moratorium on ag buildings associated with a cannabis business.

Hard Work and Ambitious Vision: The Early Settler's Cabin

With hand hewn logs still bearing the marks of the axe that squared them, the Early Settler's Cabin sits in Burris Park as a reminder of the hard-working dreamers who laid the foundation of Marine on St. Croix and surrounding communities. And the cabin remains open today thanks to the efforts of its builder's descendants.

"The cabin is definitely a family project," said Joni Maciosek, who recruits and organizes her relatives to help staff the cabin during open hours. "Thanks to the wonderful descendants of Sven Anderson, we are able to have the cabin open almost every Sunday through fall."

After immigrating from Sweden, Anderson built the cabin in 1851-52 on land about two miles northwest of its current home, in part of Marine Mills that became May Township in 1893. The cabin was moved to Marine in 1938 for the village's centennial celebration, then acquired by Tom Burris. Burris eventually donated his property, including the cabin, to the City of Marine.

In 1998, descendants of Sven Anderson partnered with Marine residents and institutional donors to restore the cabin's square timbers, dovetailed corners, and cedar shake roof. Some of those descendants now take volunteer shifts opening the cabin to visitors each summer.

According to Maciosek, the cabin sees 25 to 35 visitors each Sunday, and up to 75 on autumn days when people are out for a fall drive.

"My brother Jim Mulfinger and I are there quite often and appreciate the kindness shown to us, not only by the visitors, but especially by the residents of Marine on St. Croix," said Ms. Maciosek. "We love being part of your community and feel so blessed to share part of our family's history with everyone."



PHOTO: Courtesy Joni (Mulfinger) Maciosek

Descendants of Sven Anderson, from left: Jim Mulfinger, Bonnie (Mulfinger) Thelen, Joni (Mulfinger) Maciosek, Dan Thelen.

Marine Community Library

— Summer 2024 —

4TH ANNUAL BOAT SHOW

WITH AUTHOR TALK

Tuesday, July 9 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Location: Burriss Park, 240 Judd Street
FREE

Don't miss the 4th Annual Boat Show, with boat building advice, paddle making demo, storied boats and stories of boats. Explore all the unique boats on display.

Author **Angie Hong** will read from her new book, *Exploring the St Croix River Valley*, a comprehensive guide to the St. Croix Riverway and its 8,000-square-mile watershed.

Learn about the landscape, its history, and the local flora and fauna. Angie will

also recommend places to explore the varied habitats and share countless ways to get out and enjoy them.

For more information visit MarineCommunityLibrary.org/events

or contact Bill Simpson at simpsonw@e-z.net, 651-433-3451

or Curt Moe at moe.curt@gmail.com, 612-805-6746.



SUMMER READING BINGO

Kids of all ages – play Reading Bingo this summer! Begin by picking up a special Reading Bingo card at the Marine Community Library.

Read books in the Bingo card categories to mark off five boxes in a row, vertically, horizontally or diagonally. Better yet – mark off all of the boxes, or choose to read the same number of books as your age.

Return the completed Bingo card to the Marine Community Library. Fill out a watermelon slice with your name and age to display on our Summer Reading Wall of Joy AND choose a free book as your reward! (One book per child).

SUMMER STORYTIMES

Join us for stories and activities at the Marine Gazebo. Held at the Marine Gazebo on Thursday mornings beginning June 27.

Dates: Thursdays June 27; July 11, 18 and 25; August 1, 8 and 15

Time and Location: 10 - 11 a.m. at the Marine Gazebo, Marine on St. Croix

Rain Location: Marine Village Hall, 121 Judd Street, Marine on St. Croix
Free! All ages welcome.

Thursday June 27 – Storytime with Roxy Humphrey

A retired elementary teacher and author from Stillwater, Roxy Humphrey has written three children's books with a fourth due out this August. She will read her book *Becoming Brave: A Tale of Two Bunnies* and have a craft activity about bunnies.

Thursday July 11 – Storytime with Debra Mitts-Smith

A former children's librarian and literature professor from Scandia, Debra Mitts-Smith will be doing a dragon themed storytime.

Thursday July 18 – Storytime with Suzanne Yoch

Ignite your imagination with stories to make you smile and laugh. Sing songs, play games, make something to take home, and join in the fun with Suzanne Yoch, a retired Washington County Librarian who used to work at the Marine Library.

Thursday July 25 – Storytime with Gae Jarvis

Hear stories that speak to Gae's love of nature and the outdoors. A retired school counselor with a deep admiration of birds and trees, Gae Jarvis has lived in Scandia for 40 years.

Thursday August 1 – Storytime with Ruth Willius

Join in the fun with Ruth Willius, a Scandia resident, former teacher and author. Ruth will bring Spanish fun in reading, games and art.

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Conversations flow about Mill Stream restoration in Burriss Park

Site walk rescheduled for August 5. Meet on the south side of JRod's Automotive.

On June 4, community residents gathered to discuss a proposed ecological restoration of Mill Stream in Burriss Park. The Carnelian-Marine-St. Croix Watershed District recently secured \$30,000 in grant funding from the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership to develop a preliminary engineering design for the project. The City of Marine will contribute \$7500 in match funds for

this effort, using dollars that were previously set aside for Mill Stream activities.

The Watershed District's goal is to improve ecological health in Mill Stream between Hwy 95 and Judd St. and reconnect this segment of the stream with higher quality habitat on the west side of Hwy 95. Currently, a number of human-made structures, including low-head dams and a culvert under Hwy 95, prevent fish from using this segment of the Mill Stream.

During the stormy June 4 meeting, community residents voiced strong support for the overall project goals and asked questions about possible restoration strategies. Due to storms, the site walk was rescheduled for August 5.

The Watershed District will incorporate the input into its preliminary project design and host a follow-up meeting in late Nov. 2024 to share the design.

Learn more: www.cmscwd.org/our-projects/mill-stream-restoration.

Firemen's Ball Raises \$10,500

Thank you to all who attended and donated to the 2024 Firemen's Street Dance. Proceeds totaled approximately \$10,500 to support Marine Fire & Rescue (about \$2,500 more than 2023).

Mark your calendars for next year's street dance: Saturday, June 21st.

Gateway and Glacial Hills Trails Recap

Approximately 80 people showed up in the Village Hall on June 17 to see Washington County's Glacial Hills and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Gateway proposed trails.

Lots of designs and feedback — thank you all for taking the time to be there and giving your thoughts on these projects. Stay tuned as there will be more opportunities to weigh in!



LIBRARY: Summer Storytimes for Children

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Thursday August 8 – Storytime with Laurie Schmidt

Join us for a storytime about owls in our midst. Laurie Schmidt is a Marine resident and proud grandmother who will read books and sing songs with movement, all focusing on owls.

Thursday August 15 – Storytime with Kate Gilmore

We'll wrap up our summer storytime season with stories about being kind and sharing feelings, followed by a craft project. Kate is a community volunteer who retired and moved to the Marine area to be near her grandchildren.

Library Hours

Monday	10-1
Tuesday	3-6
Wednesday	3-6
Thursday	10-1
Friday	3-6
Saturday	10-1



Progressive Dinner A Success Thanks to all who took part!

The annual Marine Restoration Society Progressive Dinner on June 1st was a success! Thank you to all who participated and especially to the generous hosts of all courses. This is our main fundraiser of the year. If you would like to make a donation to the Society, please mail it to Box 131, Marine on St Croix.

A few dinner facts for those who wonder:

+ The dinner is open to residents of Marine. Each participating household needs to be within 10 miles of downtown Marine because we want everyone to host at some point and that is the limit for successful "progressing" from house to house. Therefore, we don't "advertise" the dinner on the Marine Facebook page since many people outside of that limit are members and cannot participate.

+ A fun way to host a course, especially the first time, can be to partner up with another household.

+ About 100 to 120 people participate each year.



ANNOUNCING THE 'CREATE, CONNECT, AGE WELL' PROGRAM



People are living longer than ever and the world continues to change at an increasingly fast pace. Marine Mills Folk School recognizes how challenging it is to stay physically, mentally and socially strong in this environment, especially for adults ages 60 years and older.

In June, we launched Create, Connect, Age Well, a program to help aging adults thrive in the 21st century. Support for the program comes from a Minnesota State Arts Board grant and through a partnership with Christ Lutheran Church in Marine on St. Croix.

Each season, Create, Connect, Age Well will present a three-part series of programs that explore different folk school approaches: using our hands, using our voices, moving our bodies, telling stories, sharing food, and connecting with the natural world.

We're excited to invite the community to try something new, build skills, be creative, and connect with others looking to live long! Each Create, Connect, Age Well session includes:

• An instructor-led folk school learning experience
• Social connection and reflection time
• Coffee, tea and snacks
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CREATE, CONNECT, AGE WELL SUMMER SERIES DATES

June 20: You Can Paint!

July 18: Tai Chi

August 15: Happy Houseplants

Register at www.MarineMillsFolkSchool.org.

Recommended age is 60 and older. If you're not quite 60 but interested in participating, please contact us at info@marinemillsfolkschool.org or 612-440-6295.



PHOTO: Courtesy Marine Mills Folk School

Practicing the art of talismanic embroidery at Marine Mills Folk School.

Marine Fall Festival Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the Marine Fall Festival on Saturday, September 21.

Contact volunteer@marinemillsfolkschool.org or 612-440-6295 if interested.

MMFS Community Events (no RSVP required)

- **Marine Fall Festival:** Saturday, September 21
- **Open Wood Carving:** second Saturday of the month
- **Bluegrass Jam Session:** second Saturday of the month
- **Community Bridge Club:** third Saturday and fourth Tuesday of the month
- **Knit Night:** every Tuesday; resumes in September

Find upcoming classes and community events: 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 and program space for Create, Connect, Age Well!

City of Marine, MnDOT Partner to Plant Trees Along Highway

Mark Your Calendars:
Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m.
— Gazebo —

Free donuts and coffee.
Rain Date: September 15

The City of Marine on St Croix has partnered with the Minnesota Department of Transportation to plant trees and shrubs in their right of way along Hwy 95.

This year we will be planting 57 very small pine, fir, tamarack and spruce trees to help fill in and bring new greenery to those spaces.

The plantings will occur near the downtown section of Hwy 95, on the east and west sides, at the far edge of MNDOT's right of way... far from the roadway.

We would love you to help us dig small holes then fill them with healthy trees.

Bring a shovel, gloves.

Children welcome but must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Questions? Contact Council Member Wendy Ward: wendy.ward@cityofmarine.org.



Bonfires, Campfires, Controlled Burns Pop Quiz: 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.



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.)

HOURS

weather permitting

Wednesdays

Noon to 7 p.m.

Saturdays

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



Have You Licensed Your Dog This Year?

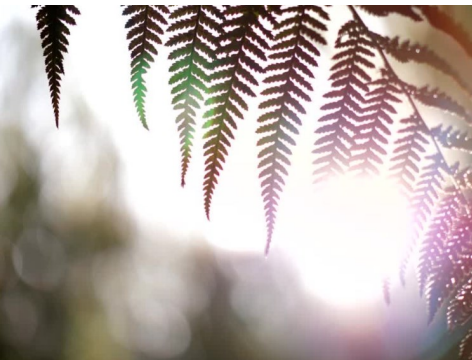
The City of Marine requires annual dog licenses to ensure dogs have current vaccinations and to help identify owners if a dog gets loose.

Licenses are \$10, 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. (Ch. 5 City Code)

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.

Don't Forget the Bag

Remember to bring your own plastic 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.

City of Marine on St. Croix

121 Judd Street P.O. Box 250
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

We're on the web

www.marineonstcroix.org

2024 CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF

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Lon Pardun 651-433-2130

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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://www.marineonstcroix.org) for links.

City Staff

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Planning Commission

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Kristina Smitten

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Jennifer Henry

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Lisa White

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

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To get on the list, email Assistant
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The newsletter is also available online:
www.marineonstcroix.org/newsletters

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