

# City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES



October, November, December 2024

## COUNCIL SETS MAXIMUM LEVY: \$1,145,823

The Marine on St. Croix City Council has set the maximum levy for 2025 at \$1,145,822.56, representing a 9.4% increase from 2024.

As a maximum levy, this number cannot be increased but can be lowered.

The council will consider reductions at the Truth in Taxation meeting, December 5, 6:00 pm at the Village Hall. The meeting will be held in person with the option to attend remotely.

As with last year, the largest proposed

increases are for road infrastructure and capital equipment, including saving for vehicles. 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

Oct. 5	Heavy Metal Day
Oct. 8	Fire&Rescue Open House
Oct. 10	City Council Meeting
Oct. 14	Columbus Day— City Office Closed
Oct. 29	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov. 5	General Election
Nov. 11	Veterans Day—Closed
Nov. 14	City Council Meeting
Nov. 26	Planning Commission Meeting
Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving—Closed
Dec. 3	Truth in Taxation
Dec. 14	City Council Meeting
Dec. 25	Christmas Day—Closed

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## General Election: Tuesday, November 5

### LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL RACES

#### Marine residents will elect a mayor and two council members on November 5.

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

#### City Council:

John W. Goodfellow

Christopher N. Mowery

Paul Paladie

Wendy Ward

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## Committee Suggests Purchase of Mill Site Parcel

The Mill Site Property Advisory Committee in September recommended that the City of Marine purchase a piece of property within the historical mill site. The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS),

which owns the larger property, is currently agreeable to the sale of the parcel for \$1.

In March 2024, MNHS did arche-

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## 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

## CELL TOWER ON SCHEDULE FOR CONSTRUCTION IN 2025



Planned cell tower construction in Marine on St. Croix is on track for 2025. The tower will be built on City-owned property near the yard-compost site west of Highway 95. In September, Councilman Charlie Anderson reported to Council that the companies partnering to build the tower, SMC Holdings and Vinco, have been taking survey measurements and engaging with prospective carriers.

## FIRE & RESCUE OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 8  
6:00-8:00 PM

FIRE HALL:  
160 JUDD ST.

THEME: Smoke Alarms  
Make them work for you!

## LOCAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS COMING SOON

The Marine on St. Croix Planning Commission and City Council are continuing work on a draft ordinance regulating commercial cultivation and retail of cannabis and, where applicable, hemp.

Although a public hearing for the draft ordinance has not been set, it is expected to take place in late November. **Residents interested in following this process or commenting on the draft should look for a draft ordinance to be released on the City's website in late October.**



### Know Before You Grow Growing Cannabis for Personal Use

Minnesota residents ages 21+ can now cultivate up to eight cannabis plants at home – no license needed. The fine print: No more than four of those plants can be mature at a time. And although it's legal to grow them in your yard, the plants must be in an enclosed, locked space that is not open to public view.

## Regulating Cannabis in Marine: 6 Things to Know

### 1. Minnesota cities cannot ban cannabis retail.

The state requires all municipalities to allow cannabis retail uses in some fashion. Cities may choose to limit the number of retail licenses in the city to one license per 12,500 residents. For Marine, this means that the City must allow for the potential establishment of at least one cannabis retail business.

### 2. Local governments must allow cultivation and other cannabis-related activities.

Like the requirement to allow retail, municipalities cannot ban cannabis cultivation, processing, transport, storage, or temporary events. These uses must be allowed in some way within the city boundaries.

### 3. Cities can set reasonable restrictions on time, place, and manner of cannabis business operations.

The City of Marine has the authority to:

- Limit hours of operation to the hours between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., seven days a week.
- Set limited buffers around schools, day cares, playgrounds, and athletic fields where cannabis businesses may not be located.
- Determine the appropriate zoning districts for each type of cannabis business based on the activities allowed under their license type.

### 4. Smoking, vaping, and cannabis consumption are not allowed in Marine's public spaces.

Cannabis consumption – smoking, vaping, eating, drinking – has been prohibited in Marine's public spaces since August 2023 (City Code, Chapter 32). This includes parks, sidewalks, and streets. Smoking and vaping are allowed on privately-owned outdoor premises such as a

restaurant patio, pursuant to the same regulations as tobacco.

### 5. The City of Marine is balancing new rules with local community needs.

Regulations will permit the City of Marine to allow for the adult-use cannabis businesses required by the state while limiting potential negative impacts on neighbors, children, and public safety.

### 6. The ordinance will evolve over time.

Because state cannabis laws are so new, our local ordinance will almost certainly need modifications in the future. Once the City of Marine has tried and tested its regulations, and if there is evidence of market demand, the limits set this year could be changed.

*Find additional resources from the Office of Cannabis Management and League of Minnesota Cities at [marineonstcroix.org](http://marineonstcroix.org).*

# COUNCIL ADOPTS RESOLUTION RE: BROOKSIDE LEGAL APPEAL

The Marine on St. Croix City Council on Sept. 23 adopted a resolution clarifying its position on the pending Minnesota Court of Appeals case, *Brookside Hospitality Company, LLC, d/b/a Brookside Bar & Grill, vs. City of Marine on Saint Croix*. The resolution is below. A recording of the Sept. 23 meeting is available at [marineonstcroix.org/agendasminutes](http://marineonstcroix.org/agendasminutes).

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of transparency, the City desires to clarify the background of the current situation with the Brookside Hospitality Company, LLC, d/b/a Brookside Bar & Grill (the “Brookside”); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Brookside remains a valuable local business and the City desires to see it continue to be successful, while abiding by the same reasonable regulations all local businesses are required to follow. The City’s commitment to the Brookside’s success is underscored by its willingness to allow, free of cost or charge, an encroachment onto Judd Street for the addition of a vestibule, and the storage of all the Brookside’s garbage and grease dumpsters on City property, and further by its refusal to impose more restrictions on its day-to-day operations; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City’s Planning Commission, in an April 2024 pre-application meeting, reviewed the Brookside’s preliminary expansion plans for outdoor dining, landscaping and bandshell enhancements, and the Brookside was in-

formed that such plans would trigger both City and Lower St Croix Riverway zoning regulations; and,

**WHEREAS**, those local and state regulations require a standard public process; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City advised that such a process requires a public hearing while balancing of mutual interests in business growth but also neighborhood/citizen impacts relating to traffic, parking, emergency vehicle access, building capacity and noise. After exploring the process, however, the Brookside declined to pursue a conditional use permit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City was advised by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division that state law required an “On Sale” liquor license include a “complete description of the compact and contiguous area” where liquor would be served, and that the two “On Sale” liquor licenses in the City were deficient. As a result, the City moved forward to amend both liquor licenses in the City to comport with state law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City amended the Brookside’s liquor license consistent with what the Brookside had previously represented as its service area, including addressing the grassy area so as to comport with state law; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Brookside initiated a lawsuit to challenge the amendment to its liquor license. This matter is currently pending at the Minnesota Court of Appeals and is entitled *Brookside Hospitality Company, LLC, d/b/a Brookside Bar & Grill, vs. City of Marine on Saint Croix*, Appellate Court Case No. A24-1257; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY STATES AND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City remains committed to working with the Brookside to find a reasonable resolution to this matter that comports with state and local law and balances the public interest.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Marine on St Croix this 23rd day of September, 2024.

## MILL SITE: Property Advisory Committee Proposes Purchase of Small Parcel

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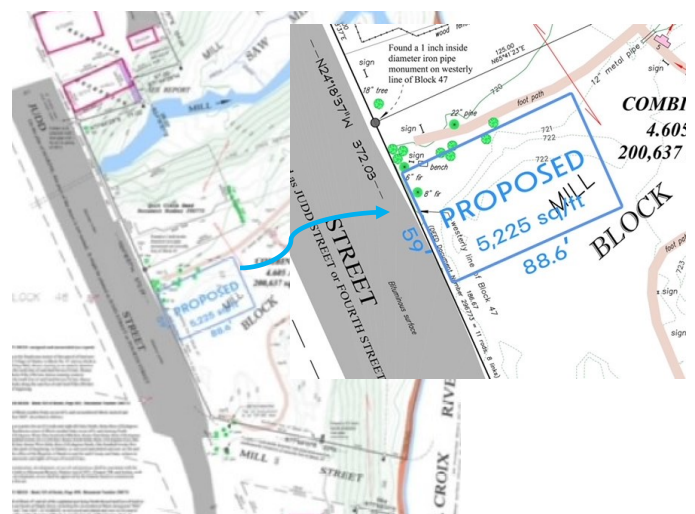
ological surveys to confirm that no items of historical significance are located on that portion of the property, which sits just off of Judd St. If the sale happens, MNHS would still own the portion of the property with remnants of the former milling operation.

The group held two public engagement sessions in late July, and said participant feedback on acquiring the parcel was positive. Most attendees’ ideas for how to use the parcel fell into one of three categories:

- Interpretive center for heritage, the river, or natural resources
- Multi-use community building (library, town hall, museum, folk school)
- Public restrooms

The committee reported that it had considered other options, such as buying the entire property or exploring a joint powers agreement that would allow the City to build on MNHS property. Ultimately, they advised purchasing the property, which would offer greater stability for investments while retaining current funding for site maintenance through MNHS.

Council moved the proposal to planning commission, which must review any public land acquisitions. The commission hopes to complete its review in late October.



The land proposed for purchase, outlined in blue, sits near the existing footpath on the east side of Judd St. It is far enough away from the bluff line to allow for development, but would still be limited by state and local regulations governing the Lower St. Croix Riverway and historic sites.



IMAGE: Courtesy Barb Casey and Marine Community Library

**Art on Display:** Visit the library to see the work of local Marine artist Barb Casey from now through November.

## Marine City Council Candidates' Forum



The Marine Community Library and River Radio will host a discussion with candidates for the Marine City Council. River Radio hosts Jim

Maher and Gayle Knutson will moderate the event, posing questions to the four candidates seeking two seats on the City Council:

- Wendy Ward
- Paul Paladie
- John Goodfellow
- Chris Mowery

You can submit questions for the candidates in advance at [info@marinecommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@marinecommunitylibrary.org).

**Tuesday October 22**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Marine Village Hall**

Live on Zoom with the recording available afterward on the Library's website: [mareincommunitylibrary.org](http://mareincommunitylibrary.org).

## River Radio Returns



RIVER RADIO returns September 21st!..... HOWEVER, we will not be recording the program "live." Instead, we will be posting the completed

show to the Marine Community Library website around 9:00AM on scheduled Saturday mornings. RIVER RADIO will also be uploaded to podcast feeds (i.e., Apple, Spotify, etc.) at the same time. This will allow us more flexibility in the production process.

Here's our schedule:

- September 21
- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 5  
Election Night Special (9-11 p.m.)
- November 23
- December 14

Gayle Knutson - Co-host  
Jim Maher - Co-host  
Matt Quast - Technical Director

## Poetry Reading

Join us for a special poetry reading by Rosie Peters' cohort. They committed to a five-month process of figuratively and metaphorically "walking into the woods" together, exploring grief, trauma, and their inner lives through poetry.

The reading will be at the Brookside Bar & Grill from 6-8 pm on Thursday October 3, 2024.

## Children's Program

**Miss Nina – Storyteller & Musician  
September 28: 10:30 am - 11:30 am**

Musician, YouTube star, and three-time Parents' Choice award winner Nina Stone's upbeat, cheerful disposition easily engages youngsters. Her music contains fun, catchy melodies that invite smiles and active participation. Kids will experience a novel, enriching program and engage in a lively musical show.

Details: All ages welcome; best for preschool to kindergarten | **Free!**  
Marine Gazebo or Rain Location: Marine Town Hall, 121 Judd Street.

Marine Mills Folk School September 2024 Update

## FRESH PAINT, FRESH PROGRAMS AT MARINE MILLS FOLK SCHOOL

Have you noticed the freshly painted building on the west side of the ballfield at 550 Pine Street? That barn-red building is home to the Marine Mills Folk School woodshop — and it recently got a facelift.

Folk school staff and volunteers spent a week patching holes, replacing trim, sealing windows and painting the former elementary school portable classroom. The project capped a year's worth of work transforming the space into a folk school classroom for woodcarving classes.

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If you've never been inside the woodshop — or were inside years ago — come and see it! Drop in any Saturday we're open and fully staffed, and we'll give you a tour. You can also drop in on the second Saturday of every month for Open Carving. Led by Brian Keogh, the group meets from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and welcomes carvers of all experience levels, ages 18 and older.

### Festival Report

Our team thanks the entire Marine community for supporting the Marine Mills Folk School Festival on September 21. The event is the folk school's biggest undertaking of the year and many volunteers and community members helped bring the event to life. We hope you attended and had a great time learning more about the folk school!

### Programs for Older Adults

"Create, Connect, Age Well," the folk school's new program to help aging adults thrive, starts up again in October. Classes include an instructor-led folk school experience and social connection time, and are held at Christ Lutheran Church.



MMFS program director Kirsten Skoglund (center) and volunteers Charlotte Wilcox and Mike Chilefone helped with the woodshop transformation in August 2024.

### UPCOMING CLASSES & EVENTS

- **Holiday Wreath Making & Makers' Market:** Nov. 1 (+7 additional sessions) For a complete list of upcoming classes, visit [marinemillsfolkschool.org](http://marinemillsfolkschool.org).
- **Dare to Repair Fix-It Clinic:** Nov. 2 & Dec. 7 Classes and events take place at 550 Pine Street unless otherwise noted.
- **Build a Wooden Paddle:** Nov. 8-10 (last class until spring 2025)
- **Alcohol Ink Glitter Ornaments** (ages 16+): Nov. 23 Thank you to Christ Lutheran Church for allowing us the occasional use of their kitchen space!

## Fall greetings from the Stewards!

As we come to the end of our first full year of caring for the Stone House Museum and Old Settler's Cabin, the Stewards of Marine Mills History are grateful to the Marine Civic Club for their organization in preparing us for this journey and are thankful for the partnership with the City of MOSC.

In this past year, we have taken stock of the museum artifacts and have generated much discussion about the importance of accurate portrayal of our history through the collection we hold. We have secured non-profit status and a web domain (website in progress) to further our mission to discover, preserve and champion the history of Marine Mills.

Looking to the future, the Stewards have already expanded access to the museums by extending our hours and open days into the Fall and will con-

tinue to seek grants for curation and museum enhancements. We invite the community to take time to visit us, discover something new, and perhaps share a story or artifact for our collection.

We welcome new volunteers as we thank those who committed to hosting this season: Charlie Borden, Dave Sours, Janet Johansen, Joe Schmitt, Juile Warren, Louise Hudson, Tom Warth, Valoree Dowell, Larry Gilbert (our neighborly "watchdog"), and the Sven Anderson family (Old Settler's Cabin hosts).

### The Stewards of Marine Mills History welcome your visit.

Members: Andy Kramer, Bob Benishek, Jennifer Henry, Linda Tibbetts, Lisa Dochniak, Mark McGinley, Mary Fernstrum (retired), Tom Omdahl.



PHOTO: File Photo | Wendy Ward

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## RESTORATION SOCIETY THANKS 2024 VOLUNTEERS

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



PHOTO: Courtesy Marine Restoration Society

The Marine Restoration Society acknowledges the following for their hard work and commitment to the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Neinhais  
Chelsea Dummer  
Kathy and Randy Ferrin  
Molly Arneson  
Annie Minich  
Gene and Lorelee DiLorenzo

### Special Thanks to:

City of Marine Staff  
Marine Fire and Rescue  
Marine Cornet Band  
Kevin Nyenhuis  
Bill Simpson for his dedication to this "long running" event.

# HUNTING SEASON UNDERWAY

- **Bow Hunting** September 14 - December 31 •
  - **Shotgun** November 9 - 17 •
- **Muzzle Loader** November 30- December 15 •

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.

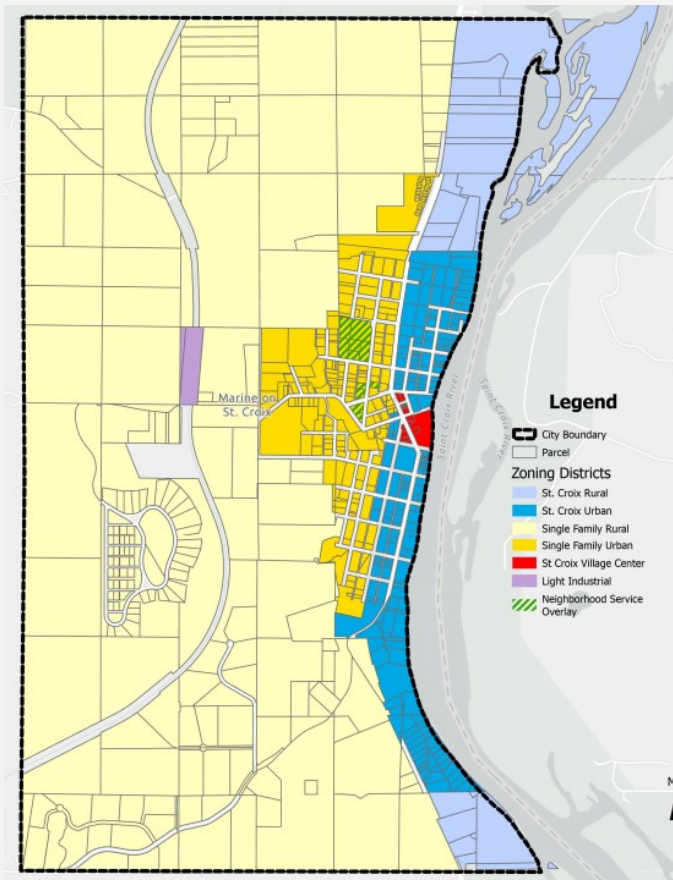
Property owners interested in allowing bow hunters on their

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 (light yellow and light blue above). The property owner must give permission and a permit must be obtained through the City Office.



## TRASH TROUBLE?

Call the city office with your trash-related questions or to report missed pick up. City staff are the primary contact between Marine on St. Croix residents and the city's garbage hauler, Waste Management.

## FALL-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 5 | 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](http://www.marineonstroix.org)

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## 2024 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 [marineonstroix.org](http://marineonstroix.org) for links.*

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Gerry Mrosla Kristina Smitten  
Anna Hagstrom Jennifer Henry  
Lisa White Tim Casey

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