

# City of Marine on St. Croix MOSC TIMES

April, May, June 2025



## IMPORTANT DATES

April 10	Statewide Tornado Drill; 1:45 & 6:45 pm
April 10	City Council Meeting
April 29	Planning Commission Meeting
May 1	Village Hall Remodel Open House 4-6pm
May 3	Heavy Metal Day
May 3	Shred Day – Security State Bank
May 8	City Council Meeting
May 26	Memorial Day – Office Closed
May 26	Memorial Day Program
May 27	Planning Commission Meeting
June 12	City Council Meeting
June 14	Street Dance
June 24	Planning Commission Meeting



PHOTO: Courtesy Fouts Fire

It may look small, but this truck can pump up to 1,500 gallons of water per minute.

## ‘SERIOUS WATER IN MINUTES’

### Fire & Rescue Opts for Small, Efficient Truck

Marine Fire and Rescue will soon bolster its fleet with a new first-out utility rescue vehicle. Thanks to recent innovations in pumping technology, the relatively small truck can pump up to 1,500 gallons per minute. That’s the minimum required to meet International Organization

for Standardization (ISO) standards to qualify as a front-line pumper, according to Fire & Rescue Chief Glen Mills.

Chief Mills added that the truck is more maneuverable than a large

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## Village Hall Remodel Could Wrap in April

OPEN HOUSE SET FOR THURSDAY, MAY 1, 4-6PM

The skilled and efficient team at J White Builds is charging through the remodel of the Village Hall’s first floor, and are on track to complete the remodel in late April. The updated lower level will have a new wheelchair accessible restroom. The two existing restrooms will also receive upgrades. Reconfigured offices spaces will have a more clearly defined reception area and updated security measures for office staff. Council and Planning Commission meetings will be permanently relocated upstairs.



Zach Ramberg installs tile in the wheelchair accessible restroom on March 25.

## MILL SITE PARCEL NAMED, ACQUISITION MOVING FORWARD

Forward momentum continues toward the City of Marine's purchase of a one-tenth-acre section of the historic Mill Site.

Based on a recommendation from the Mill Site Property Advisory Committee, the Marine City

Council in February formally named the parcel *Thi-yóšpaye* (tee-yo'-shpah-yay). Initially suggested by Rosetta (Rosie) Peters, the name means "community" in Dakota. Peters is a Marine resident of Dakota heritage, a poet, author and local business owner.

The name is a gesture toward the site's future as a community resource and gathering place. While researching po-

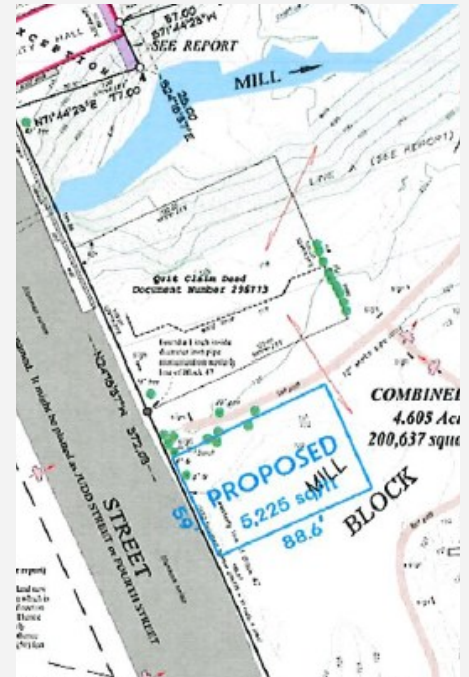
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tential uses for the site, the advisory committee found that many residents imagined one of three facilities: an interpretive center for the river or local heritage; a multi-use building that could house the library, folk school and simi-

lar groups; or a public restroom.

With the site named, it's now up to the Minnesota Historical Society to move ahead with the next steps in the purchase process.

The land transfer will not impact the Mill Site's designation as a state historic site, nor its place on the National Register of Historic Places.



## Planning Commission Sets April 29 Public Hearing for Agricultural Amendments

Marine on St. Croix residents interested in the City's future agricultural regulations will soon be able to find draft amendments at [marineonstcroix.org](http://marineonstcroix.org).

The public hearing will be held during the Planning Commission's April 29 meeting, which begins at 7pm. Written comments are encouraged ahead of that

date. The Commission, with the help of the City's planner, has proposed zoning amendments aimed at achieving two overarching goals:

1. Clarifying that residents are allowed to garden, raise livestock and keep chickens at levels appropriate to the size of the lot.

2. Ensure that agriculture occurs at a level appropriate for the size of each lot, especially in the St. Croix-Rural Residential and St. Croix-Urban Residential districts.

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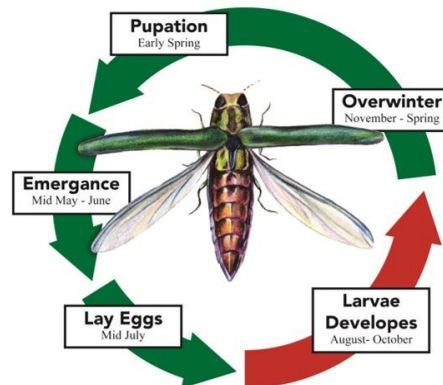
## Emerald Ash Borer Inoculation Update

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) will continue to impact the City's ash tree population. For those public and private trees that were treated two years ago, they look great! Residents should now make plans to continue to protect their ash trees with another two-year inoculation to occur this summer.

The City will assume you wish to continue treating your trees UNLESS you reach out to Suzanne Lindgren at City Hall asking to terminate treatment – email [asstclerk@cityofmarine.org](mailto:asstclerk@cityofmarine.org). For those who treated two years ago, you will soon receive a letter referencing billing and when treatment will occur, June or July.

If you have not previously treated your ash tree and would like to consider doing

so, contact Council Member Ward (651 301-0633) who can take a look at your trees. Please reach out to her no later than April 25. Don't wait – time is of the essence!



## New Titles in Marine's City Office

Lynette Peterson: City Administrator  
Suzanne Lindgren: City Treasurer

Reflecting the increased responsibilities taken on during more than two decades in the Clerk's Office, the Marine City Council in January changed the official title of City Clerk Lynette Peterson to City Administrator. Legally, however, Peterson held several roles: clerk, treasurer, zoning administrator and city administrator.

In March, Council separated the duties of clerk and treasurer, reassigning Assistant Clerk Suzanne Lindgren to the treasurer's role.

## VILLAGE HALL OPEN HOUSE

**A timeless landmark renewed  
for generations to come.**

Join the Restoration Society for an open house to celebrate the renewed interior spaces of our Village Hall.

Thursday, May 1, 4-6 pm

## ★★★ MEMORIAL = DAY = PROGRAM

Oakland Cemetery  
• Monday, May 26 •  
• 10:30 am •

## STREET DANCE JUNE 14

• 5:30 PM • DOWNTOWN •

• Food • Beer •  
• Kyle Tennis and The Riverside Hitmen •  
All proceeds benefit Marine Fire & Rescue

### Improved Roads Coming to Upper Village

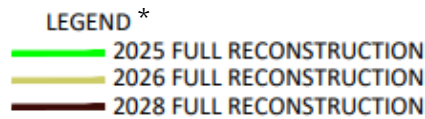
Road reconstruction is expected to begin in early May along sections of Fifth, Elm, Oak and Sixth streets in the Upper Village, as well as the alley east of Fifth Street (bright green on the map).

As the contractor's work schedule solidifies, neighborhood residents and Marine Village School will receive notices with dates and details so that they can prepare.

The City received seven bids for the 2025 street improvement project. The low bid was from Valley Paving for a final amount of \$579,580.69.

#### Future Work Planned

Future reconstruction efforts are indicated in tan and brown on the map. Jackson Meadow roads are slated for 2032 and Broadway from County Road 4 to Jackson Meadow for 2035. All dates beyond 2025 will depend on evolving road conditions, budgets, and costs.



\* Plans for roadwork beyond 2025 are subject to change depending on road conditions, budgets, and costs.

### Mayor's Column

#### PLANTED IN THE MIDDLE OF A MEADOW



This May we will celebrate 25 years of calling Jackson Meadow and Marine on St. Croix home. Having met a decade prior while working at Camp Kiwanis our hearts pulled us out of Minneapolis when we were deciding where to raise our family. Then, and now, we benefit from the thoughtful work of the Planning Commission and the stewardship of our City Council that has been a Marine tradition. After countless meetings the ink was dry, and construction started in the middle of an old hay field — from which a neighborhood would grow.

As we recall the planting of our home and trees in a place where no squirrel would roam, we give thanks for how our lives and friendships have blossomed in the village that we love. If your roots go back generations or you just broke ground on your time in Marine, I hope the season ahead gives you a chance to experience the joy of being part of this community.

If you haven't taken a class at Marine Mills Folk School, attended a play at Marine Village School, sat in the new library chairs, been to a Gallery Opening, had a community meal at Christ Lutheran; visited the Settlers Cabin, Stone House Museum or Mill Site — make your village To Do list for the season.

I invite you pay a visit to Jackson Meadow to catch the sunrise or sunset from the central meadow, hike your way to The Hollow or North Meadow, or sit in the shade of the trees that have become a big part of our landscape (and home to squirrels).

Hope to see you soon,  
Mayor, Kevin Nyenhuis



### Vinco Anticipates Cell Tower Construction in 2025

Wireless construction contractor Vinco reported in January that the company was working on agreements with prospective carriers in anticipation of a spring 2025 construction start.

## FIRE & RESCUE SPOTLIGHT: BAYARD GODSAVE

### How long have you lived in Marine?

A little over three years.

### What's your day job?

I am the Administrative Director at the Sally

Manzara Interpretive Nature Center at Sunfish Lake Park in Lake Elmo, MN.

### What motivated you to join Marine Fire and Rescue?

The day we moved to Marine, after we'd unloaded the truck, we took the kids downtown for dinner. We were looking at the antique pumper when a fire fighter walked by and asked us if we wanted a closer look at it. Before we could answer, he'd ducked into the station house, grabbed the key, and let us into the garage. As he was telling us about the pumper, he mentioned the department



needed volunteers and invited my wife and me to join. I mulled it over a little bit, but within a couple months I was on the department.

### How do you fit volunteering into your life schedule?

Getting your state fire certification is a bit of a commitment, for sure—three nights a week, and most Saturdays, for a few months. Medical certification is a bit less, but it's a commitment too. You can start going on calls before you get that certification done, so you can figure out a time that will work, and there are different options that allow you to do more online or more in-person, depending on your preference. And, I'll say, despite the time commitment, I had a ton of fun getting my state fire fighter's certification. I kind of miss it actually.

To stay active with the department, you need to make it to between one and three trainings per month, which we do Monday evenings—that number varies because there are certain types of trainings that you're required to do ten times per year, others only four. You have to make 20% of calls, and we get about 120 a year, so that's around 25 or so. On medi-

cal calls, which are the majority of the calls we go on, you're home in less than 40 minutes usually. Fire calls can be a few hours, but we only get a handful in a year.

I kind of like that I never know when I'll be going because I don't have to juggle my schedule so much. When the pager goes off, someone's having a bad day, and I just have to drop what I'm doing and go. It can mean your family has to pick up some slack when you're gone, especially if you have little kids, but it becomes routine. Now when I go on a call my family hardly notices I'm gone—the dog still freaks out though.

### What advice would you give someone who is interested?

Come to one of our trainings!

We're at the fire hall Monday nights at 7 o'clock. First Monday of the month is fire training; second Monday is inspection, when we go through the trucks and make sure everything is in working order—this is actually a great time to come down; third Monday is medical training.

Don't be shy, everyone on the department is really nice!

## Start a New Chapter as a Library Volunteer

MarLA and the Marine Community Library are run ENTIRELY by volunteers. There is no paid staff. All libraries rely on volunteers and "Friends" groups, but we are uniquely self-driven. Currently over 60 volunteers are doing their part to keep the library doors open and the many library programs running smoothly. This model has worked resoundingly well for twelve years and counting.

MarLA consists of a board and several committees, offering a wide variety of volunteer opportunities such as assisting with adult or children's programs and events, fundraising, communications, serving on the board, community education, story-times, book clubs, and more. Volunteering at the library is a great way to give back to the community and a wonderful way to meet people. Please consider volunteering at the Marine Community Library! If interested, please contact us at [info@marinecommunitylibrary.org](mailto:info@marinecommunitylibrary.org). More information on the board and the committees is available on our website [marinecommunitylibrary.org](http://marinecommunitylibrary.org)

## Forest Advisory Committee Mitigates Loss of Ash, Creep of Buckthorn

The Forest Advisory Committee is proud to announce that Marine has been awarded recognition as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation for the seventh consecutive year. We will be celebrating with the Marine Village School on Arbor Day - Friday, April 25 - by giving away native tree seedlings to MVS students.

About 10% of Marine's urban forest is made up of ash trees, which are being lost to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). We will be out-planting tamaracks that have been growing in FAC's two gravel beds behind the school as part of our plan to replenish our forest with healthy, native trees.

The FAC launched an EAB inoculation program in 2023 to protect some of Marine's beautiful, mature ash trees. Because the program requires biennial inoculation to maintain protection, participating residents will be contacted to schedule re-treatment of their trees. (See related article on page 2.)

Even as we lose our ash trees, buckthorn remains a persistent and prolific threat to Marine's green spaces. We will be seeking volunteers on scheduled weekend days over the next several months to help reduce buckthorn in our city forests. It's a great family activity!



PHOTO: Courtesy Marine Mills Folk School

## MUCH TO CELEBRATE AT MARINE MILLS FOLK SCHOOL

We have had so much to celebrate at Marine Mills Folk School!

MMFS was featured on Minnesota Bound in February. They did an amazing job showcasing the beautiful creativity and connections that happen every Saturday right here in Marine. You can check it out at [www.mnbound.com](http://www.mnbound.com)!

March 1st marked our second annual Family Day at the Folk School, which was a smashing success. The school gym was bubbling with energy and excitement!

In addition to making their craft masterpieces, families enjoyed refreshments, conversations with old and new friends, and clogging. Thanks to all who attended!

MMFS also has upcoming Create, Connect, Age Well (CCA) classes for people (65+) this spring and summer. We offer these daytime classes on Thursday mornings once per month at Christ Lutheran Church.

There is a wide variety of classes - sign up for one or all! Try something new, get creative, and have FUN doing it!

### Upcoming Thursday CCA classes (65+):

- Create a Clay Birdhouse (age 65+) – Thursday, April 24
- Taking Time for Tea (age 65+) – Thursday, May 1
- Gentle Yoga for Every Body (age 65+) - Thursday, May 15

### A sampling of our upcoming Saturday classes:

- Create a Clay Bird House - Saturday, April 12
- Seed Starting and Beyond (Intergenerational) - Saturday, April 12
- Intro to Welding: Create a Garden Sculpture – Saturday, April 26
- Miniature Secret Gardens – Saturday, April 26
- Intro to Punch Needle Rug Hooking – Saturday, May 3
- Weave a Scarf on a Rigid Heddle Loom – Saturdays, May 3 & 17

There is something for everyone at MMFS, and we invite you to be a part of it! Check out the full class schedule and register today at [www.marinemillsfolkschool.org](http://www.marinemillsfolkschool.org).

See you at the Folk School!

# MARINE RESTORATION SOCIETY PROGRESSIVE DINNER

JUNE 7

If you are a Marine resident (you probably are if you get this newsletter) you will receive an invitation to the annual Marine Restoration Society Progressive Dinner, to be held on June 7, 2025. This is a popular event to gather and socialize with Marine friends and neighbors. The key to its success is the willingness of folks to host courses! It can work well to collaborate with another household to share the experience. The emphasis is on the socializing, so don't feel you must prepare a gourmet meal. Anything is acceptable. Please consider this key role, especially if you haven't hosted in the past.

Also, please consider attending even if you haven't attended in the past or for a while. We want to see you! Watch for your invitation around mid-April.

## STEWARDS OF MARINE MILLS HISTORY

Spring salutations! The Stewards of Marine Mills History are eager to lift the blanket of Winter and freshen the air in the Stone House Museum on April 26th. The Early Settler's Cabin will be greeting the curious around that time as well.

Over the winter, our crew of seven continued our work toward promotion of Marine Mills history and welcomed guests to our monthly meetings. As enthusiasm from the community increases, we are looking to expand our volunteer base and open the Old Log Cabin additional weekend days. If you are interested in exploring the museum history collection while welcoming visitors on a Saturday or Sunday, we encourage you to reach out to Bob Benishek:

Bob\_ME\_Benishek@outlook.com, and he will get you all set up and trained as a volunteer.

Our group is eager to connect with the community to unearth stories of the past. Are you willing to share yours? We are planning community story sharing opportunities throughout the season. Topics and dates will be posted in places where locals are sure to notice. Join us!

# SPRING CLEANING FOR HOME AND YARD

SAVE THE DATE

## MAY 3

### Heavy Metal Day

9 am—noon, Saturday, May 3

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 3

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 may be in effect, 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 on, no burn permits will be issued without a variance from the DNR. However, 3x3 campfire-size 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.

### Getting a Permit

The City Administrator issues burn permits 8am-3pm Monday through Thursday.

The cost per permit is \$8 for piles or \$40 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 sticks under four inches.
- No limbs or trunks in leaf pile.
- **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



## CITY TRAILS: MOTOR FREE

City trails are motor free year round with an exception for ADA. Keep an eye out for temporary signs stating specific modes of transport not allowed, such as bicycles or horses.

## FIRE TRUCK: Advances in Technology Bring Cost of Pumper Truck Down

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pumper truck, a benefit in Marine and May Township's rural settings.

"We have a lot of homes with driveways we call 'snake trails,'" Mills told the Marine City Council on March 13. "We just can't get a big truck down them."

Councilmember Charlie Anderson noted that the truck's ability to reduce response times could potentially be lifesaving.

"This vehicle, with the advancements in pumping technology, now has the ability to put serious water on a fire within minutes while we get larger vehicles up there to put sustained, larger quantities of water," Anderson said at the March 13 Council meeting.

Council approved the purchase agreement for \$343,000. Councilman Bill Miller noted that they had expected a replacement frontline pumper to cost \$900,000 to \$1,000,000.

"As a city, we save for things," Miller said. "We're able to get those specs that we need at this type of price. ... It's changed our long-term equipment replacing cost because the technology has changed."

The City will pay with saved funds from the Fire and Rescue Vehicle Replacement Fund, plus money raised through art fair and Relief Association contributions kept in the Fire & Rescue Dedicated Fund. The expected delivery timeline is mid-April.

## AG AMENDMENTS: Gardening, Homestead Activity, Clarifying Exemptions

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### Gardening and Homesteading

Recommendations include:

- Clarification that residents may use their yard to grow plants including vegetables, fruit, flowers, and herbs for personal consumption or at a seasonal produce stand.
- Allowing seasonal produce stands as "permitted with standards" in all residential districts. Previously, these were only allowed in rural districts.
- Moving from a set number of each type of animal allowed per acre to a combined sum of "animal units" per acre. While the conversion for each animal

type is comparable to what is in the code now, because the new system accounts for the sum of all animals, the change may reduce the total number of farm animals allowed on multi-acre properties.

- Increasing the number of hens allowed on lots under a half-acre from five to six, then increasing by increments of six. This is because chickens are typically sold by the half dozen.

### Ag Operations and Lot Size

The amendments will clarify that only farms on ten acres or more are eligible for the zoning exemptions provided for farms. This is already the case, but it is

not immediately clear upon first read of the code.

### Beekeeping

The Commission decided to table beekeeping regulations during this zoning update so they can give the issue more careful consideration on its own.

The initial intent behind adding beekeeping to the zoning code was to ensure it is explicitly allowed. The model ordinance, however, was complex and there was some concern that extensive and prescriptive regulations would discourage beekeeping. The Commission plans to revisit the topic in the future and find the best approach.

## 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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Suzanne Lindgren, Treasurer / Assistant Clerk  
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### Planning Commission

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*Meetings are last Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall and via Zoom. See [marineonstcroix.org](http://marineonstcroix.org) for links.*

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