



# Marine City Community Newsletter

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Summer 2018

## Phone Numbers

Police & Fire  
Emergency  
9-1-1

Police Department  
Non-Emergency  
765-4040

Fire Authority  
765-8840

City Offices  
765-8846

DPW  
765-9711

Building Dept  
765-9011

Recreation  
765-8094

Police & DPW  
After Hours  
(810) 985-8115

City Commission

Dave  
Vandenbossche  
(Mayor)

Lisa Hendrick  
(Mayor Pro Tem)

Terrance Avery

Wendy Kellehan

Bill Klaassen

Rebecca Lepley

James Turner

## *A message from Elaine Leven, City Manager*

It's going to be a busy summer here in Marine City! We recently completed a large sewer repair project on N. Mary Street and plan to do some road resurfacing projects later this year. The City has submitted a grant for sidewalks and other enhancements at Mariner Park and the Safe Routes to Schools improvements should be constructed later this summer.

Planning Commission has been working on quite a few zoning ordinance updates, and City Commission will be working on updating various other ordinances. In addition, the Infrastructure Committee has been working hard on recommendations for road and underground infrastructure improvements throughout the City. Keep in mind, public comments are always welcome at all meetings.

Recently, Wendy Kellehan was appointed to the City Commission to fill the vacancy left by Commissioner Simpson. I encourage all residents to vote in both the August primary and November election as there will be three positions for City Commission and the position for Mayor on the ballot. The November ballot will also have a five year millage request for road and underground infrastructure improvements.

I hope everyone has a chance this summer to spend time with friends and family here in Marine City and enjoy some of our great community events. The Maritime Days calendar features some pretty entertaining events and the Music in the Park concerts are a welcome addition. We have a full list of events on the City website.

*Elaine Leven*

**City Offices**  
Mon-Thurs • 8:00am—6:00pm  
**DPW**  
Mon-Fri • 8:00am—4:00pm  
**Assessing**  
Wednesdays • 9:00am—3:00pm  
**Recreation**  
Tues & Thurs • 8:30am-2:00pm

**City Commission**  
City Commission meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00pm at the Marine City Fire Hall—200 S. Parker  
  
Taped meetings will be aired on CTV & will be posted to the City of Marine City Facebook page.  
  
The regular meeting schedule for all boards and commissions are posted on the Marine City webpage.



## Office of the City Clerk

City Clerk: Kristen Baxter • Deputy Clerk: Elizabeth McDonald

In 2017, new voting equipment was purchased for the State of Michigan. This new voting equipment will be debuted in Marine City at the Primary Election on August 7, 2018. The equipment has improved security, an LCD display screen, and is extremely user friendly!

Interested in viewing the new equipment? Join us at our Public Accuracy Testing on July 12th at 3:00pm at the Marine City Fire Hall.



**Election Dates:**  
Primary Election—August 7, 2018  
General Election—November 6, 2018



Can't make it to the polls on Election Day? Request your absentee ballot from the City Offices.

## Marine City Police Department's Safe Cycling Tips



Protect your head and wear a helmet



Always go with the flow of traffic, not against it



Stay visible by using lights when biking at night



Obey all traffic laws and lights



Use hand signals to let drivers know where you're going



Assure bicycle readiness - Check your brakes and wheels

## Treasurer's Department

### 2018 Summer Tax

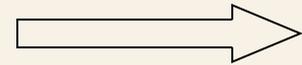
bills are due, without penalty, on September 4, 2018. All past due payments will be charged a 4% one time only penalty fee on September 5, 2018, and a 1% monthly interest fee beginning September 15, 2018.

## October is Fire Safety Month

Fire prevention saves lives, to help you avoid tragedy, stay proactive by:

- Installing smoke alarms on every level of the home
- Testing smoke alarms monthly and replacing batteries annually
- Talking with your family about fire escape plans
- Making sure the numbers on your home/business are clearly marked and easy for first responders to find
- Inspecting extension cords regularly– and use them only temporarily

## Upcoming Events



Fridays in July • 7:00pm - 10:00pm  
Music In the Park by Maritime Days  
Drake Park

Fridays in August • 10:00am - 11:00am  
Family Storytime  
Marine City Public Library

August 3rd – August 5th  
Maritime Days  
Events throughout town/Downtown District

August 10th - August 12th  
Blue Water Yard Sale Trail  
Sebewaing to Algonac



### Spotlight: Fence Etiquette



Prior to installing a fence, please follow a few simple fence etiquette guidelines:

- Obtain the appropriate fence permit through the Building Department
- Talk to your neighbors about your plans and keep them informed
- It is your responsibility to verify the fence is installed on your property
  - To verify, please utilize a reputable survey company  
(Note: This is not a service the City provides)
- Install with the finished side facing your neighbor
- Keep the fence well maintained



**Help Wanted:** We are accepting applications for a Water Safety Instructor and a Water Aerobics Instructor.

**Splash Bash** - Join us for this Free drop-in program for adults age 18+. The program will take place Tuesdays & Thursdays July 10-31 & August 2 from 8:00am-8:45am at the MC High School Pool. Water exercise equipment is provided.



We want to hear from you! Please submit your ideas for City Recreation Programs to the Recreation Director.

### Water/Sewer Rate Increase:

Effective July 1, 2018, the rates for water and sewer (per 1000 gallons) will be as follows:

**Water: \$7.09** (increase of \$.15)  
**Sewer: \$5.62** (increase of \$.12)

### From the desk of the DPW Supervisor

We recently added a Bike Repair Station in Lighthouse Park near the Water Plant. The station includes several tools, an air pump and bike mounting pegs to perform basic bike repairs and maintenance.

Every summer, we have some wonderful volunteers who have adopted our local parks ensuring they are well maintained and visually appealing. We'd like to publically thank our volunteers for creating spaces for the entire community to enjoy. If you'd like to volunteer to Adopt-A-Park, visit our website for a list of available parks.

Whenever performing yard work, do not dispose of lawn clippings, leaves, tree trimmings or other landscape debris in or near a storm drain, drainage ditch or open body of water. We also ask that you sweep grass clippings from the sidewalks or streets back onto grassy areas.