



# Marine City Community Newsletter

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WINTER 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

City Clerk  
765-8830

Police & DPW  
After Hours  
(810) 985-8115

City Commission

Dave  
Vandenbossche  
(Mayor)

Lisa Hendrick  
(Mayor Pro Tem)

Jacob Bryson

Wendy Kellehan

Bill Klaassen

Cheryl Vercammen

Vacant

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

Now that election season is over it's time to work together on planning our future. Over the next several months City Commission is going to be working with St. Clair County Planning and City Administration on developing a strategic plan. In conjunction with the Master Plan and our Capital Improvement Plans, this will help guide them as they work on the budget for the next fiscal year. Anyone that sits through our long budget workshop sessions can see how lean our budget is. With the defeat of the road millage they will have some tough decisions to make.

As I have said in the past, I continue to challenge anyone to help find funding for local residential street repaving. From a planning perspective, we are continuing to work with the State on becoming a Redevelopment Ready Community. If there are any commercial property owners that have sites available for new investment please contact my office so we can discuss marketing it through the MEDC as part of the program. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend some time with friends, family, and neighbors over the holidays!

Have a Safe & Happy New Year,

*Elaine Leven*



## Office of the City Clerk

City Clerk: Kristen Baxter • Deputy Clerk: Elizabeth Desmarais

At our November 1<sup>st</sup> City Commission meeting, we said goodbye to three outgoing Board members who have faithfully served the city:

James Turner (since 2009)  
Terrance Avery (since 2013)  
Rebecca Lepley (since 2016)

And, at the November 6, 2018 General Election, the following were elected to the City Commission:

Dave Vandenbossche (Mayor/2-year term)  
Wendy Kellehan (City Commissioner/4-year term)  
Jacob Bryson (City Commissioner/4-year term)  
Cheryl Vercammen (City Commissioner/4-year term)

Please join me in extending a warm welcome and congratulations to our in-coming Board members. We anticipate that the diverse experience our new committee members will be positive for Marine City.

## City Offices

Monday-Thursday  
8:00am—6:00pm  
CLOSED FRIDAY

### DPW

Mon-Fri • 8:00am—4:00pm

### Assessing

Wednesdays • 9:00am—3:00pm

# GET involved

Are you interested in making a difference in Marine City?

The City has vacancies and alternate positions available on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Historical Committee & Dangerous Building Board of Appeals.

Contact the City Clerk for more information.



TREASURER

**2018 Winter Tax** bills are due, without penalty, on **February 15, 2019**. All past due payments will be charged a 4% one time only penalty fee on **February 16, 2018**. All Deferment payments must be received by close of business on **February 15, 2018**. We respectfully request that you do not overpay on your tax bills.

Small Business Property Tax Exemption Claim forms will be mailed out at the end of December. New this year, business owners will have the opportunity to fill out this one time only form instead of annually as in previous years (unless assets exceed \$80,000.00). If you are a business owner in Marine City and do not receive this form, please contact our assessing department.

## 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

The meeting schedule for all boards and commissions are posted on the Marine City webpage.



## Cemetery Decoration Removal

The official cemetery winter decoration removal date will be posted on the City Facebook page, website and electronic sign.

The DPW will dispose of all decorations remaining in the cemetery the following day.

Please look for an announcement in March for an official date.

## Upcoming Events

Marine City Public Library  
Visit the Library website for a full event calendar with programs for residents of all ages

December 1st • 10:00am - 10:00pm  
Merrytime Christmas  
Downtown Shopping District

December 1st • 10:00am - 3:00pm  
Old Newsboys Craft Show/ "Jo Dogs"  
Rivertown Event Centre

December 8th • 5:00pm - 9:00pm  
Civic Women's Club Home Tour

## Spotlight: Winter Street Parking

In an effort to provide you with effective services from your DPW, ambulance and fire crews, and police department, the Winter Snow Ordinance will be strictly enforced this year for vehicles parked on the street without a valid winter parking permit.

Parking permits may be purchased from the City Offices at a cost of \$10.00 for the non-refundable annual application fee + \$1.25 per parking sticker. For the purposes of determining how many winter parking permits a residence qualifies for, all garages, driveways, parking strips and parking bays on the property will be factored into the parking capacity of the site.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the public parking lots near your residence.



With the Holidays approaching, it is a prime time for scammers to take advantage of your Holiday shopping or giving mood. If you are an online shopper, please make sure you are visiting a trusted website by entering the exact name in the search bar and only enter your personal information on a secured website. According to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the State of Michigan, through 3 quarters of 2018, has already reported 21,708 fraud reports totaling a loss of \$16,000,000 for consumers!

Visit [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) to sign up for consumer alerts.

Marine City Police Department wishes you a safe and Happy Holiday Season!

## From the Desk of the DPW

With winter quickly approaching, we'll be working hard to keep the streets & City owned sidewalks & parking lots clear of snow. We clear areas based on prioritization with the streets with high volume being cleared first, followed by local streets & then City owned sidewalks & parking lots.

Plowing snow into your driveway or up onto the curb is unavoidable. When shoveling your driveway, pile the snow on the left side of the driveway then, when the plow goes by, your shoveled piles won't be dragged back into your driveway entrance.

City ordinance requires all residents and business owners keep their sidewalks and drives clear of any snow, ice or filth and we ask that you use salt with discretion.

Safe Routes To School: Awarded a substantial financial grant, the City is currently working on the Safe Routes to School sidewalk project which affords children who walk to school with a much safer and direct route.