



# Marine City Community Newsletter

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SUMMER 2019

## 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

Paul Merchant

Cheryl Vercammen

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

The City recently completed the purchase of 260 S. Parker that will be our new permanent City Office and meeting space, it will also serve as the Community Center. We will be working with design professionals over the summer months to develop plans and hope to fully relocate no later than next spring. The future plans for the Guy Center are undetermined at this time.

Road improvements are ongoing and our Infrastructure Committee will be meeting again soon to provide their recommendations on which roads the City should focus on repaving.

Also, last year we started to update several City Ordinances that have not been reviewed or revised since the 1970s - As you can imagine, things have changed quite a bit in 50 years! We will be continuing to work with the City Attorney on further updates.

Thanks to grants, we are working on several park improvements and new wayfinding signage should be installed this summer. Updates will be posted on the City Facebook page.

With the high water, please be respectful of your neighbors and help preserve our shoreline. The high water may stick around for awhile, so please take the time to prepare now.

*Elaine Leven*

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

**DPW**  
Mon-Fri • 8:00am—4:00pm  
**Assessing**  
Wednesdays • 9:00am—3:00pm



The American Red Cross has a critical shortage of Type O blood, the most needed blood type in hospitals.

While type O is critically needed, platelet and blood donors of all types are urged to give now to help trauma patients and others who depend on lifesaving blood products.

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to find a blood drive near you.

## Office of the City Clerk



2020 is shaping up to be a very busy election season and we will need energetic people to help work at the polls. Election inspectors assist voters and the Clerk's Department on Election Day (this is a paid position). If you are interested in becoming an election inspector, please contact the Clerk's Department at [kbaxter@marinecity-mi.org](mailto:kbaxter@marinecity-mi.org) or (810) 765-8830.



With the passing of Proposal 3 last November, any registered voter can vote absentee prior to election day. Absent voter ballots are available to all registered voters for all elections. They provide a convenient method for casting a ballot when a voter is unable to attend the polls on election day.

If you are interested in being placed on our permanent absentee voting list, please contact the Clerk's Department at [kbaxter@marinecity-mi.org](mailto:kbaxter@marinecity-mi.org) or (810) 765-8830.



TREASURER

**2019 Summer Tax** bills are due, without penalty, on September 3, 2019. All past due payments will be charged a 4% one time only penalty fee on September 4, 2019. 1 % interest will start accruing September 15, 2019 and on the first day of each month thereafter. The City does not accept postmarks.

The City now accepts credit and debit cards for all transactions. There is a convenience charge applied through the credit/debit card processing companies to utilize this service. As a municipality, the City is unable to add processing costs into the pricing of city services. **Only customers who choose to utilize credit or debit cards will be charged the convenience fee.**

Utility Bills will be charged a flat rate that is dependent upon the balance of the bill. All other transactions will be charged a fee that is 3% of the bill amount, minimum of \$1.50, should you choose to pay with a credit/debit card.

## Water Rate Increase

Effective July 1, 2019, the City Commission approved a water/sewer rate increase.

Rates for water and sewer (per 1000 gallons) will be as follows:

**Water: \$7.20**  
(increase of \$.11)  
**Sewer: \$5.70**  
(increase of \$.09)



## Ship Camera Live Feed

StreamTime LIVE! has partnered with the City of Marine City to provide a live stream of the St. Clair River for those who enjoy watching the freighters and other maritime activity.

The YouTube based broadcast has an avid following of boat watchers from around the country who enjoy checking in and commenting on all of the action!



## Upcoming Events

July 15th & Aug 19th • 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Concert in the Park - Broadway Park  
Put on by Pride & Heritage Museum

Fridays in July • 7:00pm-9:00pm  
Music in the Park by Maritime Days

August 2nd - August 4th  
Maritime Days Festival  
[www.maritimedays.net](http://www.maritimedays.net)

September 20th -22nd  
Heritage Days  
Historic City Hall at 300 Broadway

October - Date TBD  
Pumpkin-Palooza  
[www.pumpkinpaloozaparty.com](http://www.pumpkinpaloozaparty.com)

## Spotlight: Adopt-a-Park

Through a collaborative effort between the City and our incredible Adopt-a-Park volunteers, we are able to operate and maintain clean and visually appealing public areas throughout town. Our volunteers dedicate their time and skills working on a variety of projects including planting flower beds, laying mulch, and cleaning up litter to ensure the beautification of our City parks.

We are still looking for organizations, groups or individuals interested in helping with the general maintenance and enhancement of several of the City's public areas such as the Marine City Beach Pavilion, Lighthouse Park and the King Road Park.

To see a list of our participating Adopt-a-Park volunteers, or to see the list of parks still available for adoption, please visit our website at [www.cityofmarinecity.org](http://www.cityofmarinecity.org)



Effective July 1st, the Police Department will have new office hours! The Police Department office will be open Monday through Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm and will no longer be closed for a lunch period.

Just a reminder, golf carts, ORVs, and UTVs may be driven on City streets ONLY if they are street legal and a registered motor vehicle with the Michigan Secretary of State. Golf Carts, ORVs and UTVs that are not street legal or registered with the state are NOT allowed on City streets or sidewalks.

Be sure to follow the official Marine City Police Department Facebook for important reminders and up to date information.

## **From the Desk of the DPW**

We have recently installed new posts and cleats on the City property located on the southern side of the South Bridge. Docking is on a first come first served basis and no overnight docking is allowed.

Currently, we are working on improving access to the water that will allow for easier launching for canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards. We will announce the completion of this access point on our City Facebook page.

**Reminder: Sump pumps and downspouts are not permitted to go into the sanitary sewer system.**

Have you been to the King Road Park lately? We've been working hard on various upgrades including new basketball hoop systems, new pickle ball and shuffleboard courts and two all weather corn-hole gaming systems. Gaming equipment will be available to the community, however, we ask that you are respectful and return all items when you are finished with them. These items were purchased through grant funds and the City has not budgeted to replace any lost or damaged equipment. We also have a new ice rink liner that will be placed over the basketball court in the winter for ice skating (not that we're hoping for winter weather any time soon).