

# City Lines

*Quarterly Newsletter*

Everything  
Outdoors Show

Saturday, January 18th  
9am - 5pm  
Community REC Center

Winterfest  
in Marinette

Saturday, February 22  
Community REC Center  
9am - 3pm

2020  
**happy new year!**

Community REC Center  
One-Year Celebration

Saturday, January 25th  
All-Day Event  
Cake • Hockey • Open Turf &  
Activity Hall • Live Music

Game Night  
Lock-In

Friday, January 31  
9pm - 6am  
Community REC Center

# City Clerk's Office

## Annual Dog Licensing Reminder From City of Marinette Clerk's Office

City of Marinette, WI – **DOG LICENSE TAGS NOW AVAILABLE** – City of Marinette resident dog owners are reminded that a rabies vaccination and dog license tags, which are now available at the Marinette City Clerk's Office, 1905 Hall Ave., Marinette WI, are required under State Law. All **CY 2020** dog license applicants must present a certificate of current rabies vaccination. Those certificates are obtained at local veterinarian's office. Dogs within State of Wisconsin must be licensed annually. Current City of Marinette dog licensing fees are as follows:

√ **\$5.00** annual dog license fee for dogs over five (5) months of age that are neutered or spayed and license is issued prior to April 1, 2020.

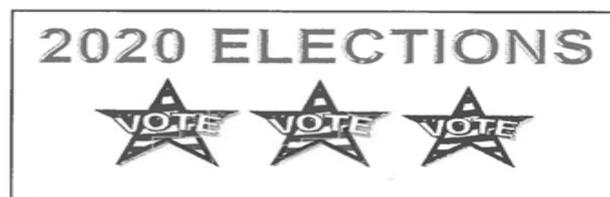
√ **\$10.00** annual dog license fee for dogs over five (5) months of age that are not neutered or spayed and license is issued prior to April 1, 2020.

√ **\$10.00 (includes \$5.00 late filing fee penalty)** annual dog license fee for dogs over five (5) months of age that are neutered or spayed and license is issued on or after April 1, 2020.

√ **\$15.00 (includes \$5.00 late fee penalty)** annual dog license fee for dogs over five (5) months of age that are not neutered or spayed and license is issued on or after April 1, 2020.

***Residents with questions pertaining to dog licensing may call the City Clerk's Office at 715-732-5140. City of Marinette Clerk's Office reception window hours are 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday.***

Spring Primary  
February 18, 2020  
Spring Election &  
Presidential  
Preference Primary  
April 7, 2020



Partisan Primary  
August 11, 2020  
Fall General &  
Presidential Election  
November 3, 2020

### New Residents, Address Changes and Name Changes

If you have recently moved into the City from another municipality, if you have moved within the City limits or if you have a name change you must re-register to vote. Acceptable Proof of Residence is required. A voter must reside in Marinette for at least 10 days prior to an election. Register to vote or check your registration status at: [myote.wi.gov](http://myote.wi.gov)

**PLEASE NOTE:** All election information is available on the  
*City of Marinette Website: [marinette.wi.us](http://marinette.wi.us)*

# Fire Department

As snow once again arrives in Marinette, the Marinette Fire Department is asking residents to help keep fire hydrants clear of snow. To help us access the hydrants in your area we are asking those who are able to clear snow from around the hydrant out to the curb as we “catch” the hydrant from the road side. This makes things quicker during emergencies so we don’t have to dig the hydrant out to use it.

If you plow snow please be aware of hydrants in the areas you plow. We have had to dig several hydrants out from several feet of snow which was time consuming for an entire engine company in a non-emergency situation, imagine if that would be a loan hydrant man during an emergency!

The Marinette Fire Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. You may have noticed the wreath hanging on the front of the station with all the green lights. Each Thanksgiving the wreath goes up in front of the station. Whenever we respond to a residential fire, one green bulb is replaced by a red bulb. Let’s all “KEEP IT GREEN” by preventing home fires this holiday season by:

- Not over loading extension cords.
- Keeping “real” Christmas trees watered-once needles begin to fall it’s time to remove it from your home.
- Never leave candles unattended.
- When preparing those holiday meals, never leave cooking unattended.
- Dispose of old frayed Christmas lights-replace with cooler, longer lasting LED lights.
- Keep the fire place screens in place.
- Make sure your heating system is operating correctly.
- Make sure you have working smoke AND Carbon Monoxide detectors on every level of your home(The Marinette Fire Department has partnered with the American Red Cross to bring fire safety to your home. For details and to see if you qualify for assistance from the program, call 715-732-5170 Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- And help out emergency responders by keeping walks and drives cleared of snow and ice the best you can.

The Marinette Fire Department is trying to raise funds to replace our aging and increasingly unreliable hovercraft with a rescue airboat. This is a much needed upgrade to keep our responders safer and to more quickly reach those in distress. The new craft would also give year round capabilities in virtually any water condition. To learn more or to see how you can help, please call us at 715-732-5170.

Thank you and Happy Holidays,  
Chief Jay Heckel  
Marinette Fire Department

# Senior Center

Are you 50 years of age or older? Then you qualify to become a member and join in on the activities, resources and benefits of the Marinette Senior Center. A yearly membership costs only \$5.00 per person or \$9.00 for a couple! Want to join a class but you're not of age? No problem.

We offer several intergenerational programs too!

## **New members are always welcome!**

Your Center offers several exercise classes for every fitness level! We usually enjoy at least one party per month! Make sure to check out our monthly newsletter for educational speaker programs, art classes, wellness clinics, dance, yoga and more!

We also have an in house partnership with Marinette County Elderly Services. They prepare and serve delicious meals Monday through Friday on site at a very reasonable cost. Home delivery is also available for people in need. Become a member or volunteer! Our members get special discounts on classes and are invited to the Membership

Extravaganza Party each spring! Discover the Marinette Senior Center; your community's adult resource center! Stop in today! We are located at 1603 Ludington Street in downtown Marinette. For more information, or to rent the center for your event, **phone 715-732-1280 or email [seniorcenter@marinette.wi.us](mailto:seniorcenter@marinette.wi.us)**.

**City of Marinette Directory**  
**1905 Hall Avenue**  
**Marinette, WI 54143**

<b>Wards</b>	<b>Aldersperson</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Ward 1</b>	Ken Keller	715-923-0449	<b>City Hall</b>	715-732-5120
<b>Ward 2</b>	Jeffrey Skorik	715-735-3864	<b>City Clerk</b>	715-732-5140
<b>Ward 3</b>	John Marx	715-938-3288	<b>Code Enforcement</b>	715-732-5204
<b>Ward 4</b>	Dave Anderson	920-587-3872	<b>Fire Dept.</b>	715-732-5178
<b>Ward 5</b>	Wally Hitt	715-735-6988	<b>Police Dept.</b>	715-732-5200
<b>Ward 6</b>	Peter Noppenberg	715-587-1337	<b>Public Works Dept.</b>	715-732-5134
<b>Ward 7</b>	Rick Polzin	920-740-6746	<b>Senior Center</b>	715-732-1280
<b>Ward 8</b>	Jason Flatt	715-735-1881	<b>Sewer &amp; Water</b>	715-732-5780
<b>*At-Large</b>	<b>*Dorothy Kowalski Council President</b>	906-290-4497	<b>Welcome Center</b>	715-732-4333
			<b>Building Inspector</b>	715-732-5127
			<b>Community REC Center</b>	715-732-2006
	Mayor Steve Genisot		<b>Mayor's Office</b>	<b>715-732-5139</b>

# Water - Wastewater

## **What are some common reasons for frozen pipes?**

Water pipes will usually be more susceptible to freezing when the outdoor air temperature is below freezing for more than a few days. Special attention should be given when the outdoor air temperature does not rise above zero degrees during the daytime hours.

### **Some reasons include:**

- Unheated basement where the water meter and pipes are located.
- Uninsulated pipes which are against outside walls.
- Open windows near water meters or pipes.
- Openings or cracks which allow cold outside air near the water meter or pipes.
- Water meter pipes enclosed or boxed in against outside wall.

## **How do I know if my pipes are frozen?**

Generally, when a pipe which feeds a certain fixture such as a shower, sink or toilet freezes, you will no longer be able to get water through that fixture. This would be the case if the pipe is frozen solid. Remember, it is possible for only one or two fixtures to freeze with the rest of the home's fixtures still flowing.

## **Why do frozen water pipes break?**

When water freezes within a pipe, the volume of the water expands. That is, the same amount of water takes up more space as a solid than as a liquid. This causes the pipes to expand and possibly break at a weak point. This may not be noticed immediately, however. The pipes may thaw from the inside out with the pipe actually breaking only when the full water pressure is restored.

## **Do only pipes inside the house freeze?**

No. Not only is your inside plumbing susceptible to freezing, but your water service could also be subject to freezing. This is caused by frost in the ground encasing your service in ice, thereby freezing your service. This is especially typical of shallow (less than five feet deep) services.

## **What should I do if my pipes freeze?**

If your pipes freeze, your best course of action is to call a licensed master plumber. Improper thawing could cause your pipes to burst. There are, however, some procedures that you can follow to try to thaw them. The quicker the problem is recognized, the better chance that damage will be minimized.

### **Some techniques for thawing frozen pipes include:**

If possible, expose a boxed-in area to the inside heat.

Use a heat gun. However, be extremely careful as the heat from the heat gun will ignite any wood or paper it contacts.

DO NOT use torches to thaw pipes!

Rubbing the pipes with warm, damp rags may slowly thaw the line.

If you do not have water for an extended period of time, special attention should be given to water heaters and boilers.

How can I prevent my pipes from freezing?

There are many ways to help prevent your water pipes from freezing in extreme weather.

## **Mercury Recycling to Protect Our Environment**

As part of our efforts to keep Mercury out of the environment, the Marinette Wastewater Treatment Plant is proud to offer our low cost mercury recycling program. The most common mercury containing devices found in the home today is in all fluorescent lightbulbs as well as older home heating thermostats.

Please bring your used **fluorescent lightbulbs or thermostats** to **1603 Ely Street** for proper recycling between the hours of 7:30 AM and 2:30 PM. For any questions please call: 715-732-5192.

**The charges for recycling are as follows:** 4 foot, Circular, U-Shape: \$0.25/bulb; 5 foot and over: \$0.60/bulb; Compact Fluorescent: \$0.55/bulb; HID bulbs (High Pressure Sodium) (Mercury Vapor) (Metal Halide): \$1.15/bulb

# Mayor's Office

## ***Façade Improvement Program (FIP) Applications are Due No Later Than February 28***

The goal of the Façade Improvement Program (FIP) is to encourage improvements that stress the historic significance and uniqueness of downtown structures through building restoration. The City's financial participation is 50% of the rehabilitation costs up to a maximum per project of \$10,000.00 but smaller projects are eligible. Additional eligibility information and application is available at the City website: [www.marinette.wi.us](http://www.marinette.wi.us) under Culture & Recreation-Residents/Forms, License & Permits/Brochures FIP or by contacting Jan at 715.732.5139.

## ***Room Tax Grant Applications are Due No Later Than February 28***

Grant applications for projects/events promoting City of Marinette tourism must be post-marked by February 28th or submitted at the City Hall Community Development Office on second floor by February 28th to be considered for review by the City of Marinette Room Tax Commission.

Nonprofit organizations or groups partnered with nonprofits are eligible for the Room Tax Grants. The Room Tax Commission is responsible for determining appropriate expenditures for the development and promotion of tourism in the City of Marinette. An eligible event/project may be a new event, a one-time event, or an existing event/project. Decisions of the Commission will be based on the likelihood of visitors from out of town staying overnight in lodging facilities as a result of the event/project. The overnight stays will generate additional room tax funds to support grants in the future.

Samples of eligible grants may be marketing projects, including advertising media buys, creation and distribution of printed or electronic promotional tourist materials, efforts to recruit conventions, sporting events, or motor coach groups. Additional eligibility information and application is available at the City website: [www.marinette.wi.us](http://www.marinette.wi.us) under Culture & Recreation-Residents/Forms, Lic & Permits/Room Tax Grant or by contacting Jan at 715.732.5139.



# Public Works

## TIMELY SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

All City of Marinette residents and business owners are reminded that it is their responsibility to clear sidewalks of snow and ice within twenty four (24) hours of the cessation of a snowfall, and sidewalks should be kept clear of ice and snow thereafter.

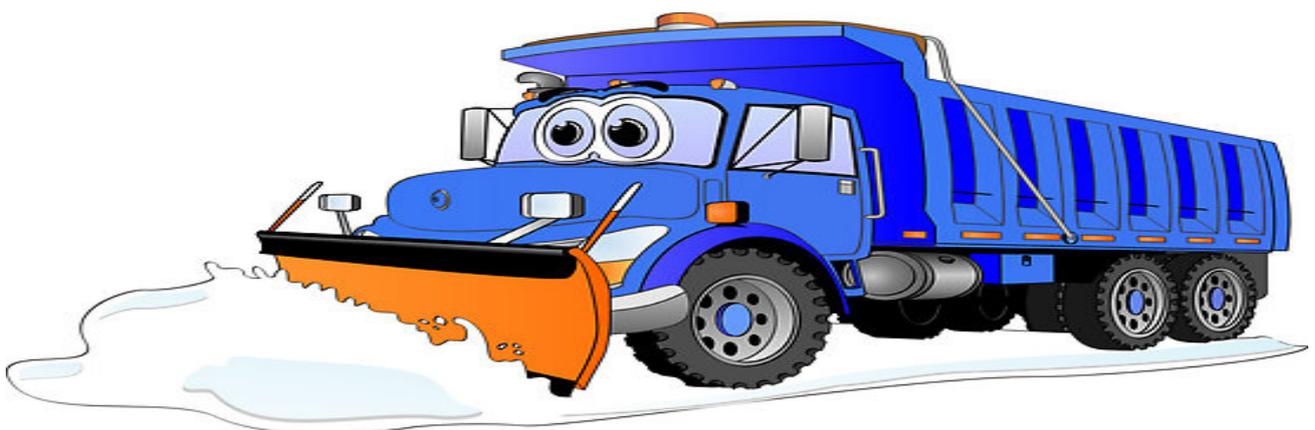
Residents and business owners are also reminded that it is unlawful for any person clearing snow from parking lots, driveways, garages, or other areas, to pile or distribute snow in a city street or alley.

City Ordinance 6-2-7 “Snow and Ice Removal” states as follows: “Owner’s Responsibility. The owner, lessee, occupant, or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the City of Marinette fronting or abutting any street shall clean, or cause to be cleaned, the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such home, building, or unoccupied lot, as the case may be of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within twenty four (24) hours of the cessation of such snowfall and shall cause the same to be kept clear from ice and snow...”

City Ordinance Section 6-2-8 “Deposit of Snow and Ice on Streets Prohibited,” states it is unlawful for any person in clearing snow from parking lots, driveways, filling stations, garages, or other areas, to pile or distribute snow, or cause snow to be piled or distributed in a city street or alley.

The city has the right to clear such snow at the property owner’s expense at ***a minimum rate of \$100.00 per hour (1 hr. minimum)***, or the city may impose a penalty for any violation of this ordinance.

**\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER TO STAY BACK 200 FEET WHEN BEHIND A SNOWPLOW\*\*\***



CITY OF MARINETTE		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JANUARY 2020</b>					01 <b>**HOLIDAY**</b> City Hall and Dump Closed	02	03	04 Dump Open 8:00AM – 2:00PM
	<b>CHIPPER WEEK</b>	05	06	07 Council Meeting 6:00PM	08 Dump Open 8:30AM - 4:30PM	09	10	11 Dump Closed
		12	13	14	15 Dump Open 8:30AM - 4:30PM	16	17	18 Dump Closed
	<b>JUNK WEEK</b>	19	20	21	22 Dump Open 8:30AM - 4:30PM	23	24	25 Dump Closed
		26	27	28	29 Dump Open 8:30AM - 4:30PM	30	31	
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CITY OF MARINETTE		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>MARCH 2020</b>								
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