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## City of Marysville

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### **Congratulations Bari Wrubel Drinking Water Protection Network Chairman**

The City of Marysville is proud to announce that Bari Wrubel, Supervisor of Water/Wastewater Operations has been selected as Chairman of the Huron to Erie Drinking Water Protection Network. The network consists of municipal water treatment plants stretching from Marysville to Monroe that have spill detection equipment installed in their water intake facilities. Sampling results are constantly updated in 15 minute intervals and are shared with each and every plant in the network. If a contaminant is detected, an alert message is instantly sent to all network members so appropriate action can be taken. It is our opinion that the network is one of the best tools available to safeguard the quality of your drinking water.



*Bari Wrubel*

The network, represented by St. Clair and Macomb County officials and various plant operators and supervisors, selected Mr. Wrubel as the Chairman. The purpose of the group is to maintain open communications between the network members and to provide oversight of the economic sustainability of the network. With budget constraints being an issue, some of the municipalities originally involved with the network have chosen to discontinue their participation. However, the City of Marysville has made it a priority to remain in the network. The city has substantially reduced its costs by performing equipment calibration and maintenance completely in-house with department operators rather than outside contracting engineers. This budgeting approach has proven so successful, that in 2012 the City was also able to install and maintain an additional piece of monitoring equipment that can detect a petroleum-based release.

If you have any questions regarding the network, please contact Bari Wrubel at (810) 364-8460 or [bwrubel@cityofmarysvillemi.com](mailto:bwrubel@cityofmarysvillemi.com).

### **Marysville Police Invite Citizen Involvement**

No one wants criminal activity in his or her neighborhood. That's why the Marysville Police Department would like you to get connected with CrimeReports.com. CrimeReports is the largest, most comprehensive crime-mapping network in the world and our police department subscribes to this network. While visiting CrimeReports.com, residents can enter Marysville, Michigan in the search box and gain access to a Google map showing crimes within the city. Crimes are uploaded to the site after a report is added to the records management system. Residents can monitor crime and make anonymous tips regarding crimes on the website. Residents may also create a free account, choose a neighborhood to monitor and receive e-mail whenever a crime is reported in that area. CrimeReports also populates the map with the State of Michigan Registered Sex Offenders and links to the State of Michigan site at [www.mipsor.state.mi.us](http://www.mipsor.state.mi.us).

The Marysville Police Department encourages all residents to be familiar with this site and to notify the police department if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood or know anything about the crimes reported. For more information please visit the CrimeReports website at [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com).

**Our Vision:** The Marysville City Government will continue to provide a safe, stable and contented community.

**Our Mission:** By the application of the latest technologies in providing quality services, innovative and environmentally sound practices while maintaining fiduciary responsibility and small town atmosphere.

## City Manager's Comments

G. Jason Hami, P.E.—City Manager

The City of Marysville enjoys some of the most proactive recreation programs in St. Clair County and possibly in south-eastern Michigan. We are blessed with a wonderful and beautiful city park.

Throughout the summer, activities in the park continue to attract our youth as well as their parents to participate in all kinds of sports and social programs.

We are also blessed with a spectacular riverfront with a beach that is unique along the St. Clair River complete with a boat and kayak launching facilities. The city just obtained a \$500,000 grant to implement a number of improvements by Summer of 2013. The riverfront will be even more spectacular by next summer as we are completing a nearly two-million dollar shoreline restoration project which will feature approximately 400 feet of fishing and pedestrian deck supported by piers along the shoreline. We have already received much positive feedback from area residents.

The City of Marysville is in the process of applying for additional federal and state grants to restore the area around Cuttle Creek and Bunce Creek once the Edison plant is demolished in the near future.

Our mayor, city council and our recreation commission fully realize the importance of utilizing our waterfront facilities, including the city park, to benefit our residents and their families. We will continue to tap this wonderful resource in the future.

The city also received a grant in the amount of \$750,000 to reconstruct River Road between Davis Road and Mack Avenue. Next summer will be a very busy construction season on River Road.

Have a Merry Christmas.



## Turf Talk

The beginning of 2012 Marysville Golf Course season was one of the earliest on record. With warm breezes and bright sunshine, March 16 was tagged as opening day in the City of Marysville. With the warm weather, blooms on spring flowers and flowering shrubs were three weeks early. Even the spring dandelion danced with head held high when showered by nature's early abundance of sunshine. What a nice start to the 2012 golfing season!

Many improvements were made during the season to improve your golfing experience. They include:

- blacktop cart path on #1 and #10 tee areas;
- blacktop cart path along #18 fairway;
- new Sony HD TV for clubhouse;
- new benches for tee areas;
- more than 110 dead ash trees have been removed from course;
- many new irrigation head replacements throughout course;
- new fleet of golf cars with a free beverage cart;
- new transformer and prime pump for irrigation system;
- new greens roller and topdressing broom;
- new forwards on tees #1 & #10; and
- clubhouse landscaping provided by Beautification Committee.

I would like to thank all members and guests who supported the Marysville Golf Course in 2012. We are looking for another great year in 2013.

~ **Brian Lents, Golf Course Superintendent**

### 2013 Marysville Golf Course Membership Rates

	2013 Resident	2013 Non-Resident
Single	\$485	\$605
Senior Single*	\$440	\$550
Married Couple	\$710	\$890
Senior Married Couple	\$640	\$800
Student (under Age 18)	\$195	\$245
College Student (through age 25)	\$280	\$350
Family	\$1,000	\$1,250

*\*A senior must be 55 by April 1, 2013.*

Golf Memberships can only be purchased at the Treasurer's Office inside City Hall.

### News from the Fire Department

#### House Fires more Prevalent in Winter!!

The Marysville Fire Department would like to remind everyone that home fires are more prevalent in winter than in any other season. This is due in part to an increase in cooking and heating fires. Holiday decorations and winter storms that can interrupt electrical service and cause people to use alternative heating sources also contribute to the increased risk of fire in winter. Please be sure to keep anything that can catch fire at least three feet from heating equipment. *Never* use an oven to heat your home. Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or broiling food. Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Never let candles burn unattended. Clear all vents outside the home of snow and ice to allow carbon monoxide to vent outside. Have your furnace, heating system and chimneys serviced each year by a professional. *Winter fires can be prevented!*



At left, fall in Marysville City Park.

## Assessor's Report

The 2013 Taxable Value (assessment) Notices will be mailed to you by the end of February 2013. On March 15, 1994 Michigan voters approved a constitutional amendment known as Proposal A. This amendment was designed to limit the growth of property taxes to the Inflation Rate Multiplier, until ownership of the property is transferred. Prior to Proposal A, property taxes were based upon the state equalized value (SEV). With Proposal A, the taxable value is the value on which property taxes are now based. For 2013 the Inflation Rate Multiplier is 2.4%.

Generally speaking, unless the current year's SEV is less than the previous year's taxable value multiplied by the Inflation Rate Multiplier, the current year's taxable value will increase by the Inflation Rate Multiplier. If there was a transfer of ownership in 2012, the 2013 SEV and Taxable Value will be the same.

### Actual sale price is not necessarily the true cash value of a property

The law defines the True Cash Value as the usual selling price of a property. The legislature and courts have stated that the actual selling price of a property is not a controlling factor in the True Cash Value or State Equalized Value as calculated by the Assessor. For this reason, when analyzing the sales for the assessment changes, non-representative sales were excluded from the analysis.

The following is a basic example of how to calculate your annual property tax for those with 100% Principle Residence Exemption (PRE) status:

TAXABLE VALUE X (TENTATIVE) PRE-MILLAGE RATE\* = (TENTATIVE) TOTAL YEARLY TAX

\$50,000	X	42.3809/1000	=	\$2,140.25 (incl. admin fee)
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\*This example is based on the 2012 tentative millage rate, as of 11/1/12.

*Assessing information is available on line!* Simply go to the City's website at [www.cityofmarysvillemi.com](http://www.cityofmarysvillemi.com) and use the link for "Tax/ Assess/Utility Records". If you have questions, please contact the Assessor's office at (810) 364-6613 ext. 1319 or e-mail at [assessor@cityofmarysvillemi.com](mailto:assessor@cityofmarysvillemi.com).

## News from the Treasurer's Office

**Water/Sewer Bills:** Your water/sewer bill has a new look! You will receive your water/sewer bill in postcard format in early December. The postcard format enables the City to save money in postage, material, labor and equipment costs. Payment is due on January 31, 2013. The current flat rate charge is \$346.83 for six months.

**Winter Tax Bills:** Winter tax bills have been mailed and are due on February 14, 2013. Please contact our Treasurer if you do not receive either your tax or water bill. Tax bills paid through escrow are not mailed to the homeowner. A copy of the bill can be obtained on our website at [www.cityofmarysvillemi.com](http://www.cityofmarysvillemi.com).

**Dog Licenses:** St. Clair County dog licenses are being sold from December 1, 2012 through February 28, 2013.

**Marysville Golf Course Memberships:** Memberships for the 2013 golf season are now available **only** in the Treasurer's office.

**Senior Citizen Water/Sewer Discount:** Senior Citizens age 65 and older who own and occupy their homes from which they derive no income and have a total household income in the prior calendar year of \$20,000 or less are eligible for a 30% discount on the water/sewer portion of their bill. The refuse charge is not eligible for discount. Applications are available in our Treasurer's office and an itemization of the total household income or copy of last year's MI-1040CR form is required. Condominium owners whose water/sewer bills are paid by their condominium association are to make application prior to June 15 for the July billing and prior to November 15 for the December billing.

**Tax Deferment:** Senior citizens age 62, eligible veterans, paraplegics, quadriplegics, totally disabled, and blind persons having a total household income in the prior calendar year of \$40,000 or less, may file an affidavit with the Treasurer after June 1 and before September 15 to defer payment of summer taxes. This means that the summer taxes can be paid at the same time as the winter taxes without penalty. Ask your Treasurer to assist you with this deferment.



## Recreation Department Announces New Programs

Marysville Recreation Department is proud to be offering new programs for our community. Many of our residents have made suggestions for different programs and we try very hard to make them a possibility for everyone. Registration is accepted in person or by mail at the Marysville Recreation Department, 1111 Delaware Avenue, Marysville, MI 48040. Our business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Checks (payable to City of Marysville) or cash are ONLY accepted. Marysville Recreation Programs are open to non-residents. For more information on programs or updates visit our website at [www.cityofmarysvillemi.com](http://www.cityofmarysvillemi.com). **For a complete listing of our programs, visit [www.cityofmarysvillemi.com/departments/recreation](http://www.cityofmarysvillemi.com/departments/recreation).** Below is a list of our new program offerings:

### Middle School Mania

Hey middle schoolers! Join us on Friday nights at the Community Center for some music, games and just hanging out. On these special Friday nights, teens will enjoy listening to music provided by our own DJ, playing dodge ball, Capture the Flag and Nerf Gun Wars (safety goggles are provided and are *mandatory*) all under the supervision of the Recreation Department's trained staff. This is a drop-in program for teens.

*Dates: January 25, February 15, March 22, April 19*

*Time: 7—10 p.m.*

*Cost: \$5 fee paid on-site*

### Youth Archery Course

Have you ever wanted to learn or sharpen your archery skills? This new program is for the beginning archer or those looking to brush up on their skills. Certified archery instructors will teach youth form, target shooting and safety practices all in a well-supervised indoor range. Class are taught at Full Quiver & More, 9309 Webb Road in Goodells. Archery equipment provided by a DNR grant received by Port Huron Recreation Department. *Class size is limited to 15.*

*Class Schedule: Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 & February 6*

*Time: 6—7 p.m.*

*Cost: \$45, pre-registration required; open to ages 7 and up.*

### American Sign Language Course

Learn the basics of communicating in American Sign Language, the fourth most used language in the world. This six-week beginner session will include instruction on finger spelling, colors and numbers, introductions, days of the week, time and expressing feelings. This course also includes ASL grammar and sentence structure. Games will be used along with take home challenges for those who feel extra motivated.

*Class Schedule: Mondays, January 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11 & 18*

*Time: Mondays/5:00-6:00 p.m.*

*Cost: \$40 per person, open to ages 6 & older*

*Location: Marysville City Hall*

## Marysville Community Center Available for Private Events

The multi-purpose bay is available for your next birthday or anniversary party, family reunion, group, organization and business event. A party host is provided for set up and clean up and to dispose of trash during the event. Tables and chairs for up to 100 guests are available in addition to extra room for a dance floor or play area. A refrigerator and horizontal climbing wall are also on site. Alcohol is allowed.

Marysville Community Center is located at 867 E. Huron Blvd. Please call (810) 455-1302 for availability. Rental fee is \$25 per hour for Marysville residents and \$35 per hour for non-residents. A \$100 security deposit is required along with rental fee at time of reservation.

### Hunter Safety Certification Course

Hunter education programs are to ensure the continuation of the hunting tradition. This Hunter's Education Safety Certification Course is to instill responsibility, safety skills, knowledge and involvement in hunters. Anyone born after January 1, 1960 must take this course to purchase a hunting license. Must be at least 12 years old to enroll in course.

*Class Dates: February 23 & 24 (Saturday & Sunday)*

*Class Time: 12 noon—4 pm*

*Location: Marysville City Hall*

*Cost: \$20 per person (pre-registration required)*

### Red Cross Babysitting Course

This class teaches young, new babysitters what they need to know and what every parent wants in a safe and responsible babysitter. Kids ages 11 to 15 will gain the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for infants, toddlers and school-aged children in the absence of parents or guardians. This class combines video, activities, hand-on skills training and classroom discussion for the most complete learning experience. Participants will also become certified in infant and child CPR and first aid. Please bring a bag lunch for dinner.

*Class Dates: Thursday, January 3 and Friday, January 4*

*Class Time: 3—9 pm*

*Cost: \$35 (pre-registration required)*

*Location: Marysville City Hall, Upstairs Conference Room*

*Space is limited to 15 participants.*

## Program Instructors Wanted!

The Marysville Recreation Department is looking for program instructors for Zumba, yoga, Pilates, fitness classes for adults and children. If you are a certified instructor, please contact the Recreation Department to discuss your future employment with us. Instructors must be at least 18 years old. Please contact Ann Eisen, Recreation Coordinator, at (810) 455-1302.

## 2013 Picnic Pavilion Reservations Begin April 2 for Residents

The picnic pavilion reservation system starts April 2nd for Residents, & May 1st for Non-Residents. Requests must be made in person, with their driver's license at the Recreation Department. A \$25 fee will be charged to Marysville Residents and a \$50 fee to Non-Residents for reserving a picnic pavilion in the Marysville City Park. Fees are non-refundable. Reservations will be accepted for all five picnic pavilions in the city park. Reservations are taken for Saturdays & Sundays, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, including Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day. *Reservations may NOT be taken over the phone.*

### City of Marysville—Dates to Remember

- December 1.....Annual Christmas Parade & Decoration Lighting
- December 10.....Recreation Department Winter Registration Begins
- December 24.....City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- December 25.....City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- December 31.....City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- January 1.....City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- March 31.....Last Day for Wreaths at Riverlawn Cemetery
- April 2.....Picnic Pavilion Reservation System Starts for Residents

### Marysville Beautification Commission Announces 2012 Winners

**Business Awards** are given each year to local businesses that enhance their landscaping or give their buildings a facelift.

- Auto Stylers and RV—1215 Gratiot Blvd.
- Dairy Boy—1826 Gratiot Blvd.

**Home of the Month** is a award given to residents for sprucing up their yards and homes to make Marysville a more beautiful place.

June Award Winners:

- Stan & Hollie Bearson—580 Michigan
- Ben & Telly Delor—220 4th
- Mary Beth Schneider—860 St. James
- Chris Peterson—880 Ohio

July Award Winners:

- Michael & Barb Degnore—2210 River Rd.
- Fred & Dianne Wastell—1185 Joanwood
- Tony & Sandy Essian—923 Ohio
- Ron & Kim Franz—930 Joanwood

August Award Winners:

- Janet Stevenson—710 Carolina
- Charlotte Slota—721 New York
- Gary & Pamela Goodin—395 Connecticut
- Ronald McDonald—532 Michigan

**Halloween Decoration Awards** are given to residents who showcase their Halloween spirit.

- Greg & Janet Lachon—977 18th Street
- Jeff & Tracy Birgy—1900 O’Riley Court
- Andy & Marissa George—418 Fourth Street
- Rob & Mindy Cristoff—817 Congress

**Battle of the Bulbs** winners will be selected during the weekend of December 15 and 16. Be sure your decorations are hung and lit that weekend!

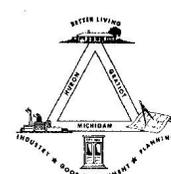
### Snow Removal and Parking Ordinance Reminders

- **Dumping Snow:** Please DO NOT shovel or blow your snow into the roadway. The pushing, dumping or depositing of snow or ice from any privately owned premises into or upon any street in the city shall constitute a violation of this Code and shall be deemed an encroachment subject to the provisions of section 4.37 hereof.
- **Snow Ordinance Parking:** No parking on any city street between 2am-6am from December 1st to April 1st.
- **Shovel Your Sidewalk:** Due to budget cuts, the city no longer plows sidewalks. Please be kind and shovel the snow and ice from your sidewalk for school children, walkers, letter carriers, etc.

### City Phone Numbers

- EMERGENCIES.....911
- Administrative Offices..... 364-6613
- Admin. Offices Fax..... 364-3940
- Assessing..... 455-1346
- Building Inspection ..... 455-1310
- City Clerk..... 455-1318
- Community Center Rental .... 455-1301
- Community Development..... 455-1308
- Department of Public Services... 364-8340
- Fire Department..... 364-6611
- Golf Course ..... 364-4653
- Historical Museum ..... 455-1301
- Library..... 364-9493
- Police Department ..... 364-6300
- Post Office ..... 364-7922
- Recreation..... 455-1301
- Refuse/Recycling..... 364-8340
- Tax Billing ..... 455-1344
- Treasurer ..... 455-1317
- Voting Information ..... 455-1318
- Wastewater Department ..... 364-6110
- Water Department..... 364-8460
- Water/Sewer Billing..... 455-1344

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