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

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

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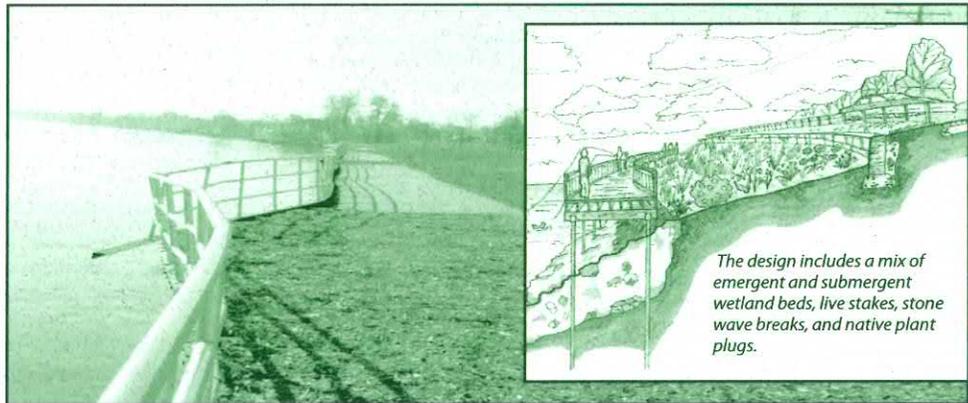
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The design includes a mix of emergent and submergent wetland beds, live stakes, stone wave breaks, and native plant plugs.

Shoreline Restoration Grant Update!

In October 2010, the City of Marysville was awarded a \$1.5 million EPA shoreline restoration grant as part of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The grant funds will be used to restore the shoreline along River Road, across from the Marysville Golf Course, by removing approximately 1,800 feet of failing seawall along the St. Clair River and replacing it with a more natural shoreline.

The proposed project will stabilize the shoreline while providing increased fish and wildlife habitat. The design includes a mix of emergent and submergent wetland beds, live stakes, stone wave breaks, and native plant plugs. The pathway will also be reconstructed and will include a boardwalk in some areas. The project is

currently in the permitting stage and is being reviewed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2012. This area is an ecologically important reach along the St. Clair River.

The project will make measurable progress toward removing the Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Beneficial Use Impairment and will lead toward the delisting of the St. Clair River as an Area of Concern. As the project moves along we will be sure to keep the residents informed of our progress. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Hami, City Manager, at (810) 364-6613.

Dedicated Teens Give Back to the Community!

For the second summer, the Marysville Recreation Department has utilized the help of the community's teens with our summer programs. For the past two summers, about 25-30 teens apply with the Recreation Department to be Teen Volunteers. The teens fill out an application just like they would for a real job. Then the teens are called to the Recreation Department for an interview, where they are interviewed by two supervisors. After the interview process, all teen volunteers must attend an orientation meeting where they receive their volunteer shirt, summer schedule and volunteer handbook.

This summer 24 teens were accepted for the teen volunteer program. These volunteers helped with special event programs such as Dog Days of Summer, swim meets and the 5K Sunset Run. Teen volunteers were

also involved with helping with our t-ball, basketball, dance, cheerleading, tot-lot, soccer and Sporties 4 shorties programs. These volunteers, 12 - 15 years old, volunteered over 500 hours, and did a fantastic job.

Thank you to the following teens for giving back to their community: Susan Allen, Joe Bacarella, Justin Badley, Megan Balut, Jake Carroll, Ashley Comstock, Sarah Cooper, Andrew DeVigili, Kyle Fife, Collin Gauthier, Eli Germain, Paige Hall, Cody Hansen, Makenna Hill, Erik Koppel, Eric Kozfkay, Adam Maniaci, Patrick Perzyk, Jared Robbins, Matt Schuster, Jacob Stolicker, Liz Strutridge, Michelle Weber and Jacob Woodward. Congratulations to our "Teen Volunteer of the Summer" - Cody Hansen.

Ann Eisen, Recreation Coordinator

UPDATES!

2012 Picnic Pavilion Reservation System Changes

The Picnic Pavilion Reservation System starts April 2nd, 2012. Residents must come to the Recreation Department located in City Hall with their Marysville Driver's License. A non-refundable \$25 fee will be charged to Marysville Residents for reserving a picnic pavilion in the Marysville City Park. On May 1st, non-residents may reserve a picnic pavilion for \$50. Reservations will be accepted for all five picnic pavilions in the city park, Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, including the 4th of July. If you have questions, please contact the Recreation Department at 810-455-1302.

Halloween Maze was Amazing!

The Halloween Maze was a huge hit again this year with 237 kids going through the maze with their parents and grandparents. This year's maze included a swinging bridge and tunnel. The swinging bridge was built and donated by Gary R. Eisen. For \$3 children not only enjoyed the Halloween Maze but also got to play various carnival games were they won candy and prizes. A HUGE Thank You goes to the designers of this year's maze, Kathy McCabe and Betty McLeod. These volunteers started meeting with the Recreation Coordinator back in August preparing for this year's event. Set-up/Clean-up volunteers were Kathy McCabe, Betty McLeod, Bryanne Crawford, Ann Ferriby, Molly Tierney, Kaylen Charron and Gary Eisen. These volunteers contributed over 455 hours toward this event. I would also like to thank the teen volunteers that spent their Friday Night and Saturday working the game stations. Thank you to the Marysville DPW for providing materials and various supplies also. These guys always bend over backwards to help with the last minute needs for rec. events. A gift card was donated by the Marysville Meijer's to help with the purchasing of supplies and candy for the event. Thank You again to all the volunteers who helped make this event possible.

Dec. 12 - The Winter Recreation Brochure Available Online

Please check out the City of Marysville website for the 2012 Winter Recreation Brochure. The Recreation Department will be offering many different programs such as: Yoga, Triathlon Swim Class, Tae Kwon Do, Volleyball, Basketball, Friday Frenzies, Special Someone Valentine's Dance, Healthy Living: Back to Basics Class, Indoor Walking, Men's Dodgeball League, Swim Lessons, Senior Water Aerobics Class, Information on Community Center Rentals and much more. To get more information on these classes please log on to: www.cityofmarysvillemi.com, click Departments, then click Recreation. For more information call 810-455-1301.

Dec. 3 - The Annual Christmas Parade & Santa Visit

• Come visit Santa: 12 noon-4p.m.

Inside Springrove Variety Store, Springrove is located in Village Green Plaza

• Christmas Parade: starts at 4:15 p.m.

followed by the Christmas Decorations Lighting along the river front after the parade.

Free Hot Chocolate and Cookies will be offered from the Marysville Recreation Department at Pavilion #2.

Parade Route: *Begins at Village Green Plaza, heads east on Huron Blvd. to the Veteran's Memorial across from the City Park on River Rd.*

If your group/organization or business would like to be in the parade please contact the Marysville Recreation Department: 455-1302.

Marysville Beautification Commission

(HOM) Home of the Month Winners 2011

Each summer the Marysville Beautification Members drive around the city looking for those home owners who have dedicated their time and money into landscaping their homes and yards. This past summer, eight home owners received the honor of having their home awarded the "Home of the Month in Marysville". These winners are listed below.

June:

- Alan & Marsha Free - Gratiot*
- Stacy Glombowski - Connecticut*
- Brian & Pat Washburn - Shamrock*
- Warren & Martha Zimmer - Pennsylvania*

July:

- Ron & Janet Lomasney - New Hampshire*
- Shawn & Nicole Winston - Karla Lane*

August:

- Denny & JoAnne Fraley - Colorado*
- Thomas & Audrey Martin - Montana*

2011 Halloween Decoration Winner

- John & Pat Roberts - Congress*

Upcoming dates for the Marysville Beautification Commission:

Battle of the Bulbs Christmas Lights Contest, Winners will be selected December 8, 9, 10.

Next Beautification Meeting: January 11 at City Hall, 7 p.m.

Marysville Beautification meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at city hall and is open to all Marysville residents. We currently have open vacancies on the commission and welcome all who are interested. The commission meets once a month and gathers twice a year for the spring planting day and for the Christmas Decorating Contest, so please consider becoming a member.

Winter Gear Sale at the Community Center

On December 3, the Marysville Recreation Department will be having a Winter Gear Sale. We are asking residents who have ice skates, snow skis, hockey equipment, snow shoes or cross-country skis that they would like to sell, to drop off their good condition stuff to the Marysville Community Center on Friday, December 2 between 12 noon & 4 p.m. or Saturday, December 3 between 11 a.m. - 12noon.

Please have sale price set for your equipment prior to dropping it off. On Saturday, December 3, the Community Center will be open to the public from 12noon to 4 p.m. to purchase the equipment. The Recreation Department will received 10% of each sale. At the end of the day, residents are asked to come back and pick up their stuff by 6 p.m. Anything left at the community center will become the property of the recreation department. For more information contact the Marysville Recreation Department 455-1302.

Citizens need to call the Police Department

The Marysville Police Department would like to take this opportunity to ask that all of our citizens, when seeing something suspicious, please call the police department. We encourage and welcome your calls. There are many incidents reported to officers the next day that could have been handled at the time they were witnessed. Our officers are here to serve you 24 hours a day. Many crimes can be solved quickly with timely reporting of the incident.

If there is something unusual in your neighborhood, something that draws your suspicion then it is probably worth reporting. Rely on your instincts. You know your neighborhood and what may look out of place. Citizens working with their police officers can have a positive impact on providing a safe community.

Our relationship with our citizens has always been of great value to our department. We encourage your participation and interaction with our officers to help keep our community safe.



TURF TALK

By the time the Marysville News Letter arrives at your door step, the golf course will be closed for the season. A wild season it was with heavy rains delaying the opening of the golf course into April. With rain refusing to stop long enough for the grounds to dry out, moving our equipment on the golf course was difficult if not impossible due to saturated grounds and dense long turf. By Memorial Day, power carts were still quarantined with sad faces on carts and golfers alike.

During this time my staff worked diligently to find plug drainage tiles to remove the surface water off the golf course more expediently. Yes we did dry out and many achievements through the year were recognized by members and guests alike. A green topdressing program was initiated this year; a massive assault on trimming trees began and still is ongoing. We have marked 190 plus Ash trees that have died due to the Ash Borer problem in our state. These trees minus the 25 trees that have already been taken down this fall will be worked on throughout the winter. Drainage work will also be on our agenda with at least 1000ft of tile to be installed this fall and winter.

I want to thank all members and guests who have approached me with compliments or other concerning issues. They are all welcomed and passed on to my crew with open ears and smiles as it should be.

Happy Holiday's - Brian T. Lents - Greens Superintendent



2012 Golf Course Membership Rates

Single	\$450
Senior Single (55+)	\$405
Married Couple	\$655
Senior Married Couple	\$590
Student (under age 18)	\$180
College Student (thru 25)	\$260

Police Report

9.23. Parking and storage of recreational vehicles and equipment and other items

Recreational vehicles and equipment defined.

- (1) When used in this section, "recreational equipment" shall include:
- Boats and boat trailers which shall include boats, floats and rafts, plus the normal equipment to transport the same on the highway;
 - Folding tent trailer which is a folding structure mounted on wheels and designed for travel and vacation;
 - Pickup camper which is a structure designed primarily to be mounted on a pickup or truck chassis and with sufficient equipment to render it suitable for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation use;
 - Travel trailer which is a vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreational and vacation uses, permanently identified 'travel trailer' by the manufacturer;
 - Utility trailer which is a vehicle used to transport motorcycles, snowmobiles, go-carts or stock cars and the like.

c) Prohibited uses in all residential districts.

- Recreational equipment parked or stored shall not have fixed connections to electricity, water, gas or sanitary sewer facilities, and at no time shall this equipment be used for living or housekeeping purposes.
- If the recreational equipment is parked or stored outside of a garage, it shall be parked or stored in the side or rear yard as defined in the city zoning ordinance. At no time shall the recreational equipment protrude beyond the front line of the dwelling.
- There shall be minimally maintained two-foot setback for side yard storage and a three-foot setback for rear yard storage for recreational vehicles and/or equipment.
- Recreational equipment and/or recreational vehicles may be parked anywhere on the premises for loading or unloading purposes for a period of not more than 48 hours.
- No person shall park or store any recreational equipment or recreational vehicle in a residentially zoned property that is not in good repair and/or does not carry a current year license and/or registration.

Sec. 4.38. 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.

Phosphorus Fertilizer Restriction on Lawns

In December 2010 the Michigan Fertilizer Law Public Act 299, a statewide phosphorus application restriction, went into law. It prohibits the use of phosphorus fertilizers on residential and commercial lawns. Starting January 1, 2012, a person shall not apply any fertilizer with phosphorus to lawns.

Phosphorus is a nutrient found in fertilizer and is labeled as "P" in the equation N-P-K on the bag. After January 2012, only bags with the "P" as "0" will be sold (eg. 21-0-4). Exceptions to using a fertilizer containing phosphorus include a soil test indicating that phosphorus is needed, or the establishment of a new lawn. Soil testing kits are available at the St. Clair County MSU Extension office for \$15.00 by calling 810-989-6935.

Proper fertilization is important for a healthy lawn which is an easy step to protecting our rivers and streams. When fertilizer is put down at the right time and in the right way, it strengthens lawns by holding back soil and pollutants and minimizing the need for pesticides. Improper fertilization (leaving fertilizer on paved surfaces, using improper type, applying to frozen ground) harms our water because it washes into ditches, streams and storm drains. Phosphorus in our waterways causes algae to grow which looks and smells unsightly, restricts recreational uses, and uses up all the oxygen in the water that fish need.

Want a vibrant spring lawn? Fertilize in the fall. Fall is the best time for lawns to absorb nutrients and develop a strong root system. And always make fertilizer-free zones by keeping a distance between fertilizer and rivers, lakes, ponds, storm drains or streams. This will protect these areas from excessive algae growth.

For a complete look at the Michigan Fertilizer Law, please visit www.michigan.gov/mda-fertilizer, or for more questions, contact Craig Hohf at the Marysville DPW, 810-364-8340 or the St. Clair County Storm Water Program at the Health Department at 810-987-5306.

Treasurer's Department

- The Treasurer's Department is responsible for the billing and collection of the revenues as stated in the annual fiscal budget of the City.
- One important duty is collecting the real and personal property taxes for the City of Marysville, St. Clair County, the State of Michigan, and the Marysville School District. There are two main collection times: the summer taxes collected in July and the winter taxes collected between December 1st and the middle of February. This department prepares the tax bills, distributes them, and ensures the payment of those bills.
- Another important function of the Treasurer is to distribute the tax money to the proper governmental units after collection, utilizing the uniform accounting standards for local units of government as dictated by the State of Michigan.
- In addition to collecting tax revenues, the Treasurer also distributes and collects the Water/Sewer Bills. The flat rate customers (primarily homeowners) are billed semi-annually: on July 1st and December 1st. The current charge is \$346.83 for each billing, for a yearly total of \$693.66. Metered customers (primarily commercial and industrial) are billed quarterly based on their meter size and usage.
- The Treasurer also sells county dog licenses from December 1st through February 28th.
- City Golf Course Memberships are available for purchase year round at the Treasurer's office.

Eligibility for Deferred Taxes or Reduced Utility Payments:

Taxes: 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 1st and before September 15th 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.

Utilities: Senior Citizens age 65 who own and occupy their home 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 their water/sewer bill. Senior Citizens are required to make application at the City Treasurer's office and provide an itemization of their total household income (or copy of last year's MI-1040CR form). Condominium owners whose water/sewer bills are paid by their condominium association are to make application prior to June 15th for the July billing.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

The 2012 Taxable Value (assessment) Notices will be mailed to you by the end of February 2012.

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 that property taxes are now based on. For 2012 the Inflation Rate Multiplier is 2.7%.

Generally speaking, this means 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 2011, the 2012 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 the 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		(TENTATIVE) PRE MILLAGE RATE*		(TENTATIVE) TOTAL YEARLY TAX
\$75,000	X	41.8309/1000	=	\$3,137.32

*This example is based on the 2011 tentative millage rate, as of 11/7/11.

Assessing information is available on line!

Simply go to the City's website at www.cityofmarysvillemi.com, and use the link for "Tax/Assess/Utility Records". If you have questions, feel free to contact the Assessor's office at 364-6613 Ext. 1346 or e-mail at assessor@cityofmarysvillemi.com.

Marysville Library



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Your Library Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

City Phone Numbers

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City Clerk-Finance Dir/Tina Weglarz: (810) 455-1314	Water Department: (810) 364-8460
Building Official/Mike Reilly: (810) 455-1310	

EMERGENCIES ONLY - DIAL 911

Check Your Mailboxes!

Location: From the back of the curb to the front of the mailbox should be 8 inches, this is so when plowing and salting operations take place the trucks do not hit the mailboxes. If your mailbox doesn't meet this specification, and it is hit by a snowplow, the city will not replace it. Also the city will not replace the mailbox or post if they are hit by the snow. Thank you for checking and moving your mailbox if needed. If you have any questions call the DPW at 810-364-8340.



City of Marysville - Dates to Remember

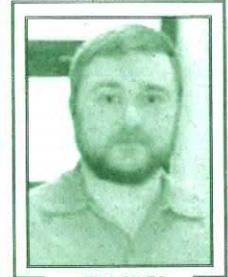
- December 23 City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- December 26 City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- December 30 City Offices Closed due to Holiday
- January 2 New Year's Eve / City Offices Closed
- March 30 Last Day for Wreaths at Riverlawn Cemetery

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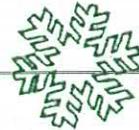
CONGRATULATIONS!

Tim Giles!

We are proud to inform you that your Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, Tim Giles, has successfully passed his MDEQ Classification D License. Tim has been a lifelong resident of the City of Marysville, graduated from Marysville High School in 1998, and has been employed with the City since 2007. In 2010 Tim transferred to the Wastewater Treatment Plant where he gained the required experience time and training to take the Level D exam.....and he passed. Way to go Tim!!!



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