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Voters to Decide on New Municipal Campus in Upcoming Election Council Member Seats Also Up for Grabs

Marysville residents are encouraged to vote in the upcoming city general election being held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Polls are open 7 a.m.—8 p.m.

Two items relating to Marysville appear on November's ballot. First, city officials are seeking voter input regarding the construction of a new municipal campus. Voters are being asked to decide whether or not the City of Marysville should sell the property where city hall is currently situated and construct a new municipal campus to house a new city hall, recreation center, historical museum and gymnasium. The municipal campus would be located northwest of the public safety building on Delaware if constructing it would not raise taxes. According to Mayor Dan Damman, if the advisory vote passes city council and city administrators will perform due diligence to determine if the municipal campus is in the best interest of the City of Marysville.

City officials have found that the current city hall and community center do not fit the needs of the city or the community. City hall's upstairs remains largely unused since the school district offices relocated to the new high school facility several years ago. In addition, recreational opportunities are limited due to space and time constraints at Marysville Community Center and school district gyms. The community center which was formerly the fire hall was built in 1932 and is also in need of much renovation and is not ADA compliant. Preliminary site plans and sketches of the proposed municipal campus are available for viewing at Marysville City Hall's lobby or on our website at cityofmarysvillemi.com/municipal-campus-discussion. An informational meeting regarding the municipal campus will also be held on Monday, October 12 at 6 p.m. All residents are invited to attend and Mayor Damman will be on hand to answer any questions.

Second, three city council member terms are also expiring. The three incumbents—Michael Buggy, Rita Hendricks and Paul Wessel—are running for re-election. Newcomers Kathy Hayman and Dave Watson are also vying for the council member seats which are four-year terms. Additionally, Mayor Dan Damman is running unopposed for the two-year term mayor position.

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming general election is Monday, October 5, 2015. Residents may register in the Clerk's Office in City Hall. If you are unsure of your voting precinct location, please call our Clerk's Office at (810) 455-1318 for the location.



Rendering of proposed Marysville Municipal Campus.

State of the City Address • Mayor Daniel Damman
Monday, October 19, 2015—7:00 p.m.
Marysville City Hall • Joseph S. Johns Council Chambers
Public Welcome • Televised on Channel 6

*In honor of the
'Mighty Marysville' 1920-2015*

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Tentative Dates Set for Former DTE Plant's Implosion

The Mighty Marysville will not be so mighty if its impending implosion goes as planned on an upcoming Saturday this November. Further details will be released as the city receives them from the private contractor regarding the former DTE power plant's demise.

The plant will be imploded utilizing linear charges which are specifically designed to cut through steel according to Controlled Demolition, Inc., the demolition experts hired by the property owner to take down the building. Charges will be strategically set throughout the structure with the lower portion of the building falling first and upper portions falling onto the already demolished lower sections. According to CDI, Inc.'s Ray Zukowski, this will help absorb above grade vibration. "It will sound like a real loud thunderstorm for eight and a half seconds," Zukowski said at the September 14th city council meeting.

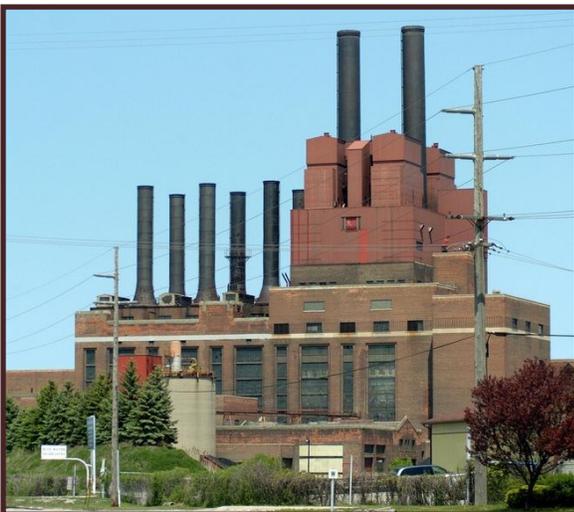
CDI, Inc. and Sitetech, Inc., the contractors hired by the property owner to demolish the site, are spending a tremendous amount of time coordinating with various agencies that will or could be affected by the blast. Working closely with the U.S. Coast Guard, Federal Aviation Administration, CSX Railroad, SEMCO Energy, ITC, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, St. Clair County Drain Commission and others, both contractors' goals are to ensure the pre, during and post implosion processes go as smooth as possible. City officials are working closely with the contractors as well. In a letter dated in August and sent to the contractors, Department of Public Safety Chief Tom Konik outlined 15 conditions that must be met prior to the City issuing the demolition permit. These conditions include the following:

- all hazardous material including asbestos is removed from the building and the surrounding site;
- Federal Aviation Administration must confirm airspace restriction during the implosion;
- U.S. Coast Guard must establish a safe zone in the St. Clair River during the blast;
- governmental agency permits/approvals must be secured prior to the event;
- MDEQ must confirm that no further environmental matters need to be addressed at the site prior to the blast;
- contractor must provide personnel to clean dust and damage to personal property;
- contractor must reimburse city for traffic control, perimeter zone security and emergency personnel usage;
- twenty-four hour security must be provided prior to and after the implosion;
- pre-blast surveys of structures located around the blast zone must be conducted by contractor or agent;
- prediction model must be compiled by contractor or agent detailing dust and disbursement of material after implosion; and
- recommendation must be provided to city regarding water treatment plant and the handling of dust and debris entering into the river as a result of the implosion.

Dust control is a big concern during the implosion. Turbine fan misters, water cannons (similar to agricultural sprinklers), water trucks and sweepers will be on hand to control dust during and after the event. Wind direction on implosion day will also be a major factor in managing the dust.

All residents and businesses in the exclusion zone will be notified well in advance in order to make plans to leave the area during the implosion according to Mayor Dan Damman.

For more information please contact our City Manager's office at (810) 364-6613 or visit our website at cityofmarysvillemi.com or our facebook page [City of Marysville, Michigan](https://www.facebook.com/CityofMarysvilleMichigan).



The former DTE power plant a.k.a. Mighty Marysville has experienced much transformation over the last 18 months. Still a formidable structure, the power plant and surrounding site are 65% demolished as of September 14, 2015 according to Sitetech, Inc. At left: plant prior to demolition in an undated photo. At right: all that remains as of September 23, 2015.

Marysville Receives Grant to Extend Bike Path

Attention bicycle enthusiasts! Another piece of the Bridge-to-Bay Trail along River Road will soon be connected. The City of Marysville recently received a \$236,000 Transportation Alternatives Program grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

With a contributing \$60,000 match from the City, the funds will go toward building new trail sections in Marysville City Park, enhancing markings on the current bike trail, installing signage and installing a deluxe crossing system at the junction of River Road and Busha Highway. The grant will affect three miles of trail.

Construction is expected to begin in Spring 2016.



Next year bicyclists will be able to enjoy an extended bike path along our riverfront.

Golf Course Happenings

Fall Rates at Marysville Golf Course

Effective September 14, 2015 Marysville Golf Course implemented its new fall rates. Come and enjoy the last vestiges of summer and fall before it's too late!

Fees:	Season Pass Holder Fees:	
9 Holes Walking: \$8	9 Holes Power Cart:	\$5
18 Holes Walking: \$13	18 Holes Power Cart:	\$7
9 Holes with Cart: \$13		
18 Holes with Cart: \$20		

Season Pass Information

Christmas is right around the corner and Marysville Golf Course season passes are perfect items to give to the hard-to-buy-for golfer in your life. Stop by our Treasurer's Office at City Hall during the holiday season to purchase. Season passes will be available after December 7th.

Chrysler Beach Phase II Improvements Begin

Phase II of Chrysler Beach's restoration continues this fall. Restrooms, lighting, a playscape and a fish cleaning station will be added to the beachfront area. In September the restrooms were demolished to make room for two new ADA compliant, unisex restrooms. The restroom building will also house a concession stand and the fish cleaning station.

Updated lighting was also installed in September by Shirkey Electric. A ship-themed playscape, picnic tables and benches will be installed at a later date.

The color scheme for the entire project is blue and gray. The target finish date is November 14, 2015.

Thank you to our Department of Public Service employees who demolished the old restrooms and removed the rubble. In July the DPS also re-mounted large rocks that had fallen into the river due to rising lake levels along the beachfront. Over the last two summers, the department has performed much in-kind work to improve our riverfront.

For more information regarding this project, please contact our City Manager's office at (810) 364-6613.

Cuttle Creek Restoration Project Progressing

The 18th Fairway at Marysville Golf Course is shaping up nicely as the Cuttle Creek Restoration Project continues. Grass is growing in the fairway which will be ready for play later this fall. Creek banks have been grassed in and trees and shrubs will be planted in the coming weeks. Contractors and our DPS are currently working on the infrastructure for the new pump house which will irrigate the course.



Cuttle Creek and the 18th Fairway as viewed from the pedestrian bridge in September 2015.



Cuttle Creek and the pedestrian bridge as seen from the banks at the lower 18th Fairway.

Marysville Recreation Department 2015 Fall Brochure

The following is a synopsis of the fall programs being offered through the Marysville Recreation Department. For a complete listing please visit our website at www.cityofmarysvillemi.com.

CLASS DATES & TIMES

Fall Session I: Week of September 21–October 31, 2015.

Fall Session II: Week of November 2–December 19, 2015.

(No classes during the week of Thanksgiving)

Check programs for as start dates may be different

Annual Santa Parade—December 5, 2015 at 4 p.m.

Come join the fun, welcoming Santa to our beautiful city! If your group or business would like to participate in this year's parade, please contact the Recreation Department to reserve your spot.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Fitness Bootcamp

This class focuses on the same ideas of one-on-one personal training without the cost. Group training allows you to work with a trainer alongside other people, to reach your fitness goals without breaking the bank. The class is one hour long and will incorporate body weight movements and other equipment to keep you moving and sweating the whole time. Program for all ages and fitness levels.

Days/Time: Mondays & Wednesdays; 6—7 p.m.

Location: Marysville Community Center

Cost: Residents—\$55; Non-residents—\$65; Drop in fee—\$7

CLASS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 14

Pickleball

It's a little tennis, a bit of ping-pong and a splash of badminton! Join the fun with this drop-in program and learn the hottest game out there! The first night will be a clinic to introduce everyone to pickleball. This game is designed for all ages and will keep you on your toes.

Days/Time: Tuesdays & Thursdays; 6—8 p.m.

Location: Morton Elementary School

Cost: Drop in fee—\$2

Open Recreation

Marysville Middle School is available this winter for drop-in basketball and volleyball. This program is open to adults (16 & older) and children with adult supervision. Please check city website for cancellations.

Days/Time: Wednesdays & Thursdays; 7—9 p.m.

Location: Marysville Middle School

Cost: Individual resident pass—\$25; individual non-resident pass—\$50; family resident pass—\$50; family non-resident pass—\$75; drop in fee residents—\$2; drop in fee non-residents—\$4.

Triathlon Swim Class

This non-competitive program is designed to improve technique, efficiency and endurance to help swimmers compete in this part of the event. Jackie Mall, a USA Triathlon certified coach will train participants to meet goals whether it's to improve swimming or to compete in a triathlon.

Days/Time: Mondays; 6—7 p.m.

Location: Marysville High School Pool

Cost: Residents—\$30; Non-residents—\$40

SIX WEEK PROGRAM BEGINS NOVEMBER 3.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sporties for Shorties (Session I)

Introduce your son or daughter to different sports and learning basic fundamentals. Sports covered will be basketball, football, soccer, t-ball, tennis and track & field. For ages 3—6; class maximum 30.

Days/Time: Saturdays; 11 a.m.—12 p.m.

Location: Marysville Community Center

Cost: Residents—\$15; Non-residents—\$20

Crafts for Kids (Session II)

This is a fun class for kids to make crafts and do activities geared toward the holiday season. Kids will enjoy being creative and playing games. All craft supplies will be provided. For ages 3—6; class maximum 30.

Days/Time: Saturdays; 11 a.m.—12 p.m.

Location: Marysville Community Center

Cost: Residents—\$25; Non-residents—\$30

After School Fun

Children can attend to get help with homework, then play games for a few hours. Grades 1—6.

Days/Time: Mondays & Wednesdays; 3:45—5:45 p.m.

Location: Marysville Community Center

Cost: Residents—\$20; Non-residents—\$25; Drop-in fee—\$5

Tae Kwon Do (Session I)

Looking for a great sport that helps develop coordination, balance, strength, discipline and a family bond? Tae Kwon Do is an excellent program for students to accomplish individual goals while being part of a team. Students learn how to control their hands and feet in a fun atmosphere through drills, sparring and hard work.

Days/Times:

Beginners (ages 4—6): 5—5:45 p.m.; Tuesdays; Cost: \$20

Beginners (ages 7—11): 5—5:45 p.m.; Thursdays; Cost: \$20

Lil Warriors: 5:50—6:50 p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays; Cost: \$40

Advanced Warriors: 7—8:15 p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursday; Cost \$45

Location: Marysville Community Center

Cost: Residents—\$15; Non-residents—\$20

Swim Lessons

Six-week lessons begin Saturday, September 26 at Marysville High School Pool. For level descriptions please visit our website at cityofmarysvillemi.com/recreation-2/aquatic-programs.

Levels/Time: Levels 1, 3, 5; 9—9:35 a.m.

Levels 2, 4, 6; 9:45—10:20 a.m.

Cost: Residents—\$20; Non-residents—\$30

Tots Swim

Beginning Saturday, September 26 six-week Tots swim lessons are also being offered for children ages 2—4. One adult age 16 or older must be present in the pool with the child.

Time: 10:25—11 a.m.

Location: Marysville High School Pool

Cost: Residents—\$10; Non-residents—\$15

Treasurer Tidbits

Water/Sewer/Refuse Bills: Utility bills will be mailed in late November and payments will be taken December 1st. Payments are due on February 1, 2016. The current flat rate charge is \$345.40 for six months.

Winter Tax Bills: Winter tax bills will be mailed in late November and are payable beginning December 1st. If you wish to avoid penalty, payments are due February 15, 2016. 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.

Dog Licenses: Save time, save travel! The Treasurer’s Office sells dog licenses as a courtesy for residents and non-residents from December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016. Please be sure to bring your dog’s current proof of rabies vaccination statement from your veterinarian and postcard mailed to you from St. Clair County Animal Control.



For more information regarding dog licenses or fees please call (810) 984-3155 or visit www.stclaircounty.org/Offices/sheriff/AC_Licensing.

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 November 15 for the December billing.

Please call our Treasurer’s Office at (810) 455-1344 or visit www.cityofmarysvillemi.com/treasurer for more information.

Marysville Trash Guidelines

- **Wednesday is our city’s scheduled pick-up day.** Trash, recycling, yard waste and bulky items must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday to be removed that day. Our ordinance prohibits placement before 6 p.m. the night before. No larger than a 32-gallon trash can is permitted. The time of day refuse will be removed may vary depending on the volume of refuse being disposed of in the city.
- **Bulky Items:** Place by curb before 7 a.m. on Wednesday year-round. Call the DPS at (810) 364-8340 to check if an item is acceptable.
- **Paint: *Must be completely dried.*** To dry, please leave the lid off and put cat litter inside can to absorb paint. Set it *next* to your trash can.
- **Yard Waste:** Place grass clippings, leaves or small branches in a trash can marked with an “X” or in brown composting bags. Branches four feet or shorter may be in a neat pile next to the yard waste can for pick up. ***The last day for yard waste pick-up this year is Wednesday, November 25!***

Recycling Guidelines

Recycling (in your blue or lime green container, one per household) will be picked up on Wednesdays. If your household currently has no bins or needs to replace one that’s broken, please call our Department of Public Service at (810) 364-8340.

ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

- **GLASS**—any color beverage bottles or jars. Rinse clean and discard lid, labels need not be removed.
- **CANS**—tin or aluminium—soup, vegetable, fruit cans, etc. Rinse clean and remove labels.
- **PLASTIC**—#1—#8 ACCEPTED! Rinse clean and discard caps.
- **NEWSPAPER**—regular newspaper, glossy print ads.
- **CHIP/PAPERBOARD**—cereal, tissue boxes, etc. Please breakdown boxes!
- **MIXED OFFICE WASTE**—junk mail, flyers, office paper, magazines, phone books.
- **CARDBOARD**—please ensure cardboard is cut to the size of a newspaper and fits in your bin. Corrugated cardboard may also be dropped off at our DPS yard, 200 East 14th Street. *Cardboard only! No packaging!!*



New Businesses in the City of Marysville

The Clerk’s Office has issued licenses for the following businesses to operate in the City of Marysville. *(June—September 2015)*

- Carter’s Lawn & Landscaping
- The Ice Cream Truck (peddler’s license)
- C.T. Auto Sales & Service (780 East Huron Blvd.)
- Center for Thinking & Collaboration (home-based)
- Harsen’s Island Brewery (808 Gratiot Blvd.)
- TNT Nutrition (782 Huron Blvd.)
- Carpa’s Automotive (1417 Michigan Avenue)
- A Lil of Everything Halloween Supplies (210 Huron Blvd.)
- Tractor Supply Company (3202 Gratiot Blvd.) **OPENING OCT. 10**

Officers Place at Pistol Match

Congratulations to **Officers Matt Scheffler** and **John Stover** of the Marysville Police Department. Both recently took third place at the Governor’s Pistol Match held in Jackson, Michigan on September 10, 2015.

