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(playscape/bathroom/concession stand)

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Marysville K9 Unit Taking Shape

Just this past summer the idea of a K9 team in the Marysville Police Department was only discussion around a conference room table. Now, with city administration's support and the community's generous monetary donations and grants, that discussion is almost reality.

Beginning at the end of March, Officer Justin Reeves will begin handler training with a male German Shepherd yet to be determined. The training course for both handler and dog lasts ten to twelve weeks depending on the team's abilities. The dog will be trained to be an all-purpose patrol dog and will receive instruction in narcotics detection, tracking, building search and handler protection. Training is weather-dependent as outdoor tracking training is a necessary part of the program.

Officer Reeves will be the only handler and the dog will live with the Reeves family. "He will be my shadow for the next 7, 8, 9 or 10 years," said Reeves in a recent interview.

After receiving his initial training, the dog must be recertified every two years. He will also receive bi-monthly training to keep his skills fresh. In addition to serving MPD, the dog will be available to other agencies.

Start up costs, which include the purchase of the dog and training for both handler and dog, run about \$15,000. More than \$13,000 was raised at a December spaghetti dinner benefiting the program which will be applied toward the start up costs. Officer Reeves said he has been 'blown away' by the support from the community.

The unit also received \$25,000 from Dorothea Knight, a local animal advocate. These funds will be used for the dog's future expenses which include food, upkeep, ongoing training and medical costs. The K9 unit also received a \$2,500 grant from the St. Clair County Prosecutor's Office for equipment.

According to Reeves the dog will be imported from Europe to ensure a quality blood line.

Officer Reeves assisted the Harper Woods Police Department in starting their K9 program and was attached to the unit for a portion of his nine years there.

For updates on the K9 Unit please visit their Facebook page Friends of the Marysville Police Dept K9 Unit.

Training will begin in March for the MPD K9 unit's dog and handler. Lasting between 10—12 weeks, they will receive all-purpose instruction in tracking, narcotics detection, building search and handler detection.



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Golf Season Passes Available Now!
Buy on or before Friday, March 18, 2016 to receive discount.
See Page 4 for rates or visit cityofmarysvillemi.com/golf-course.

City Building Renovations to be Explored

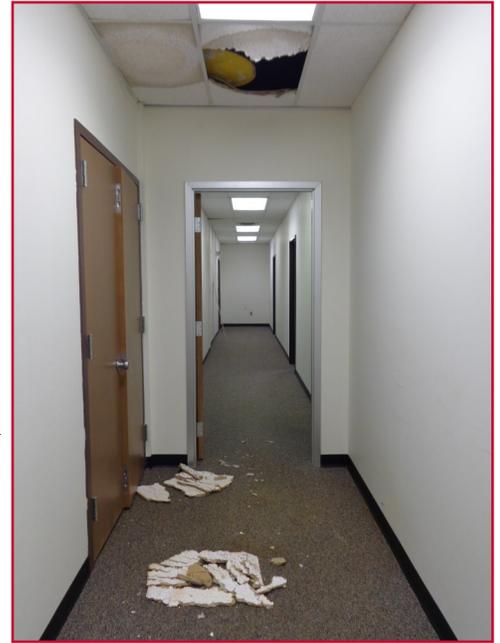
Marysville City Council voted 5-0 at the February 8, 2016 meeting to hire engineering consultants Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. to inspect and assess the city hall and the public safety buildings for possible renovation. The assessment will cost \$27,000.

After evaluating architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, HRC will comment on existing conditions within each structure and make recommendations regarding repair, maintenance and code violations. The list of deficiencies will be prioritized according need with health and safety concerns, non-functioning items and maintenance/upgrades topping the list.

Both city hall and the public safety building are in need of repairs and/or upgrades. Approaching 50 years old, City Hall is plagued with numerous issues—most notably of which is the flat surface roof. It has experienced leakage over the years and has progressively worsened to create water damage on the second floor. The windows, original to the building's construction, are also problematic as they offer little energy efficiency or thermal protection from the elements. Water also seeps in the windows during rain storms. Because of the building's age, it will be assessed for OSHA and ADA standards in both the interior and immediate exterior.

The public safety building has experienced its share of problems since its construction in 1996. The roof system leaks and even after extensive repair efforts, the leaking has caused wall and ceiling damage. Continual plumbing leakage and heating and cooling issues are also of concern.

Technological improvements for each building will also be evaluated. The decision to perform an evaluation of the aging structures occurs after voters rejected the municipal campus advisory vote this past November. Had the vote been approved council and city administration would have explored the possibility of building a new city hall and recreation center.



Ceiling tiles litter the second floor of City Hall due to the roof's water leakage.

Smart Meter Information

The Marysville City Council passed a resolution regarding the digital advanced infrastructure meters otherwise known as 'smart meters' at its February 22, 2016 meeting.

The resolution calls upon the Committee on Energy Policy, the Michigan Public Service Commission and Attorney General Bill Schuette to investigate our citizens' health and welfare concerns regarding the new meters.

Several residents have expressed concern that the meters are overly intrusive into consumer's energy usage. It was also alleged that emissions from smart meters are a health danger.

The meters are currently being installed by DTE throughout our city.

Residents who would like to learn more information about the meters may click on the following links: [New Smart Electrical Meters](#) or [Michigan Public Service Commission](#). Residents may also call the Michigan Public Service Commission at 1 (800) 292-9555. To opt out of receiving the new meter please call DTE at 1-800-477-4747 (use Opt Out Case #U-17053 when prompted).



State legislators have also introduced House Bill #4916 to explore the potential impact of smart meters. The bill is currently being reviewed by the Committee on Energy Policy.

City Collects Water for Flint Residents

The City of Marysville recently called upon its citizens to donate water to Flint residents who are in need of assistance during the Flint Water Crisis.

Boy Scout Pack 201 and Marysville Public Schools also joined in the campaign and donated 26 cases and 48 cases along with several gallon jugs, respectively.

The total amount of water donated for the Flint Water Drive was 177 cases, 5 one-gallon jugs and 5 two-gallon jugs of water.

The water was delivered on Wednesday, February 24 to a distribution station in Flint.



The City of Marysville recently organized a water donation campaign for Flint residents affected by the Flint water crisis.

A Message Regarding Our City's Water Quality

Bari J. Wrubel—Supervisor, Water/Wastewater Operations

In light of the recent water crisis in Flint, there have been many confusing statements regarding the water quality of municipalities across the U.S., including the City of Marysville. I am writing this message as educational outreach regarding our water and the homes we test for the Lead and Copper Rule.

First and foremost, I want to clarify that the City of Marysville has **not** detected lead in the water we produce and send to the distribution system. The fact is that lead is introduced into drinking water in one of three ways: as it enters lead based individual service lines between the water main and a home; as it enters the interior plumbing of homes that are constructed of lead; or it enters the interior plumbing of homes that are constructed with lead solder joints in copper plumbing. Lead service lines and inside plumbing are normally found in older homes (typically 1910-1950) and lead solder can be found on copper plumbing that was installed before 1988 (lead solder was banned in Michigan in June 1988).

There are two different lead testing requirements we must follow. One of our requirements is a lead test which is performed separately on our production water. This requirement is intended to ensure there is no lead in the water we produce and send into our distribution system, and our results are non-detectable for lead. The second requirement is mandated by the Lead and Copper Rule. The Lead and Copper Rule testing is not intended to indicate the amount of lead that is in our water, rather it is designed to test the amount of lead that can leach into our water from the lead-based services and plumbing in homes. The Lead and Copper Rule requires us to test the water in 20 homes in a prioritized structure, with a lead service line home being one of the top priorities. All of the 20 homes we test have records that indicate they still have lead service lines. The results of the testing are placed against an "Action Level" standard issued by the EPA and enforced through MDEQ. The EPA has set an Action Level for lead of 15ppb at the 90th percentile home. Our 90th percentile home was 12ppb, which means these lead based homes are 20% below the EPA Action Level for lead. Out of the 20 homes tested, eight had non-detectable lead results.

A copy of the City of Marysville's Water Quality Report (which includes results from the Lead and Copper Rule) is mailed out annually in July to all residents and it can also be found on our website. Our website also includes a laboratory report of our production water which includes our non-detectable lead results along with many other regulated parameters that were tested. For concerned parents, I would like to point out that according to the 2014 annual data from the St. Clair County Health Department, not one child from Marysville tested above the lowest level of concern for lead (all were <5.0 ug/dL). More information on lead can be obtained from the St. Clair County Health Department at (810) 987-5300.

If you have any further questions or concerns, or would like more information on how to get your water tested for lead, please feel free to contact me at (810) 364-8460 or bwrubel@cityofmarysvillemi.com.

Help Marysville Community Fund

In 2015, a group of passionate Marysville residents and dedicated business leaders, in cooperation with the DTE Foundation, established the Marysville Community Fund. The fund was created to ultimately improve the quality of life in Marysville. Managed by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, this fund is overseen by a board of city residents: John Kendrick; Ketha Knuth; Brian Moran; Fred Shaw; and Debbie Turnbull.

The Marysville Community Fund supports special programs, scholarships, projects, community events and initiatives in and around the city of Marysville. In just a few short months the fund has grown to over \$60,000! In 2015 the fund awarded \$10,000 in grants. The recipients were as follows: Marysville Public Schools—\$5,000—second grade digital learning cart; and City of Marysville Recreation Department—\$5,000—playground equipment at Chrysler Beach.



Help grow the Marysville Community Fund today to benefit the community that you love for generations to come. You can make a gift online at stclairfoundation.org or by mailing a check to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County.

If you are interested in making a planned gift to the Marysville Community Fund through your life insurance, will, retirement plan or trust please contact Jackie Hanton, Vice President, at (810) 984-4761 or jackie@stclairfoundation.org.

Thank you for making an immediate impact on the priorities in your hometown.

Marysville Community Fund Board Members present Superintendent Shawn Wightman and Marysville Public School second graders with \$5,000 for their digital learning cart.



community foundation
of St. Clair County

Discounted Golf Course Season Passes on Sale Now

Referral rebates also offered

Time is running out for golfers to purchase their discounted Marysville Golf Course season passes. **Buy your season pass on or before Friday, March 18, 2016 to receive the discounted rate.** This is the absolute last day to receive the discount!!!

Ways you can purchase your season pass:

- **In Person:** visit our Treasurer’s Office at 1111 Delaware in Marysville and pay via cash, check or credit/debit card*;
- **By Mail:** mail your check to our Treasurer’s Office and we will mail you a receipt with your season pass number (make your check payable to City of Marysville); or
- **By Phone:** Purchase via phone with your credit or debit card* by calling 810.455.1317.

Refer a new season pass holder and receive one or more of the following rebates**!!!!

- \$50 rebate (per each single referred)
- \$25 (per new student referred)
- \$75 (per couple or family referred)

Please call (810) 455-1317 for further information.

*Please note that a 3% processing fee will be charged when using a credit/debit card.

**Sponsor’s name must be mentioned during time of purchase to receive rebate. Both sponsor and new season pass holder must be paid in full to initiate rebates. New pass holders must have NEVER, EVER held a season pass in golf course history.

***For senior married couple pass, only one person need be 55 by April 1, 2016 to receive senior married couple rate.

&College students must present transcript to receive college student rate.



Golfers flocking around our beverage cart. In addition to soft drinks and water, the golf course began selling beer and liquor in the 2015 season.

Marysville Golf Course 2016 Season Pass Rates		
Classification	Pay by 3/18/16	After 3/18/16
Single	\$520	\$570
Senior Single	\$465	\$515
Married Couple	\$785	\$835
Senior Married Couple***	\$700	\$750
Student (under 18)	\$180	\$210
College Student& (to 25)	\$180	\$210
Family	\$1125	1175

Golf Advisory Commission Formed

Marysville City Council voted 5-0 to create an advisory commission for Marysville Golf Course. According to Mayor Dan Damman the commission will be led by golf course superintendent Brian Lents and will be comprised of a cross section of business members specializing in business, marketing and accounting. Those members were appointed at the February 22nd city council meeting and are as follows: Mike Deising, Scott Shigley, Karen Farr and Dr. Sandy Parrott.

The goal of the new advisory commission is to formulate a business plan. Even with improved course conditions, increased marketing and the addition of food and liquor sales, the golf course still has lost money in recent years. Suggestions made by the advisory commission will be reviewed by the city manager and will be presented to city council for consideration.

Marysville Golf Course is a city asset and it was emphasized that the commission will act strictly in an advisory capacity only.

“The golf course is the crown jewel of the city,” said Mayor Damman. “The council meets 24 times a year and any ideas will be executed swiftly.”

A previous golf commission existed but was dismantled prior to hiring Superintendent Brian Lents in 2012.

Senior 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 your 2015 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.

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

Marysville Garbage 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. ***Yard waste pick-up begins April 6th!***

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 break-down 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!!***



Recreational Programs/Opportunities

For program updates, cancellations or more information please visit our website at www.cityofmarysvillemi.com or Marysville Recreation Department 

Family Ice Skating Pond

Take your children or grandchildren to our family-only skating pond (no hockey please). Bring a thermos of hot chocolate and skate the day away.

Hockey Ice Skating Pond

Located at across from the high school between Huron, Michigan and 14th Street. Goals provided and lights available for nighttime play.

Easter Egg Hunt/Easter Bunny Visit

Saturday, March 26, 2016 • 11:00 a.m.



It’s official! The Easter Bunny will be making a stop at Marysville Community Center. Come join the fun and welcome Mr. Bunny to our beautiful city! Kids will also be able to collect eggs throughout the park to receive a goody bag. Be on the lookout for the golden eggs for a special prize! Bring your own camera for a photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. For children ages 2—12. Sponsored by Genisys (presenting sponsor), Junction Buoy, Alexander’s and SMR. ***Registration begins March 3th in the recreation department.*** Cost is \$3 per child for children ages 2—12.

K9 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, April 23, 2016 • 8:30 a.m.

Save the date for you and your dog!! ***Registration information forthcoming for this very popular event.*** Proceeds benefit Marysville Recreation Department and the Humane Society of St. Clair County’s SNAP Program. Sponsored by North River Animal Hospital.

Open Recreation

Marysville Middle School is available this spring for drop-in basketball and volleyball. This program is open to adults (16 & older) and children with adult supervision. Please check the city website or recreation department’s Facebook page for cancellations.

Date: Ongoing

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.

Open Swim

Open Swim is available during the winter at Marysville High School pool. Cost is \$2 individual resident/\$4 individual non-resident; \$5 per family resident/\$10 family non-resident. *Pool is subject to closure due to high school swim meets.* ***Please check our website or Recreation Department Facebook for cancellations.***

Open Swim Hours:

Monday & Wednesday: 7 – 8:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6 – 8 p.m.

City of Marysville—Dates to Remember

February 29..... Last day to pay 2015 property tax at the City of Marysville.
 February 29..... Last day to purchase dog licenses at the City of Marysville.
 March 1 All 2015 property taxes forwarded to St. Clair County Treasurer.
 March 13..... Daylight Savings Time ends. *Spring forward one hour!*
 March 18..... Last day to buy discounted Marysville Golf Course Season Pass.
 March 25..... Good Friday. *City offices closed.*
 March 31..... Last day for wreathes at Riverlawn Cemetery.
 April 1 No parking ordinance ends.
 April 1 Marysville City Park pavilion registration begins (residents only).
 April 4 Fire hydrant flushing this week on River Road/Dow area and Davis Road.
 April 11 Fire hydrant flushing this week between Huron, Cuttle and west of Michigan.
 April 18 Fire hydrant flushing this week north of Gratiot.
 April 25 Fire hydrant this week north of Gratiot.
 May 2 Fire hydrant flushing this week Michigan, Gratiot, Cuttle areas.
 May 2 Marysville City Park pavilion registration begins (non-residents).
 May 21 Flowers allowed on graves at Riverlawn Cemetery.
 May 30 Memorial Day. *City offices closed.*
 May 30 Memorial Day Parade 10 a.m. (hosted by American Legion Post #449)
 June 1 No refuse removal due to Memorial Day holiday.
 June 2 June 1 refuse removed today.
 June 10..... Flowers must be removed from graves at Riverlawn Cemetery.
 June 22—26 Marysville Days Festival, Marysville City Park.

New Faces at the City of Marysville

Please welcome **Dan Stocker**—our newest patrolman in the Marysville Police Department. Previously employed with the Marine City and Port Huron Police Departments, Officer Stocker graduated from Marysville High School and is a Marysville resident.

Stacey Husson recently joined our Department of Public Service and is a part time administrative assistant where she assists our Building and Public Service Departments. Known as 'A.M.' Stacey, she resides in Marysville with her family.

Stacy Grant also joined our Department of Public Service and is a part time administrative assistant. 'P.M.' Stacy resides in Marysville with her family and assists our Building and Public Service Departments.

Welcome Dan, Stacey and Stacy!



Officer Dan Stocker



Stacey Husson



Stacy Grant

Our Building Department has relocated!

The Building Department is now housed in our Department of Public Service building, 200 East 14th Street (across from the ice ponds). Any building or zoning-related questions may be directed to Sean Quain, Building Official, at (810) 455-1310. A wealth of building and zoning information may also be obtained at cityofmarysvillemi.com/building-department.

City Phone Numbers

EMERGENCIES.....911

Administrative Offices..... 364-6613
 Admin. Offices Fax..... 364-3940
 Assessing 455-1346
 Building Department 455-1310
 City Clerk 455-1318
 Community Center Rental 455-1302
 Department of Public Services... 364-8340
 Fire Department..... 364-6611
 Golf Course 364-4653
 Historical Museum..... 455-1302
 Library..... 364-9493
 Police Department 364-6300
 Post Office 364-7922
 Recreation..... 455-1302
 Refuse/Recycling..... 364-8340
 Tax Billing 455-1344
 Treasurer 455-1344
 Voting Information 455-1318
 Wastewater Department 364-6110
 Water Department..... 364-8460
 Water/Sewer Billing..... 455-1344

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Mission Statement

Provide exemplary services by responding to the needs of our residents and businesses in a pleasant, timely and fiscally-responsible manner.

Vision Statement

The City of Marysville will be a fiscally sound, family-oriented community with a full range of business, cultural and recreational opportunities provided in a safe and aesthetically-pleasing environment for residents and visitors.

- Adopted by City Council September 22, 2014



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