

# City of Marysville

October 2016—January 2017

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*Marysville...A nice place to visit, a better place to live.*

## City Council Approves Donation of Potential City Hall Building

Marysville City Council approved a resolution to accept the donation of the property located at 1515 Busha Highway at its September 26, 2016 meeting. The property, formerly known as Blue Water Plastics, was donated by The Knolls, LC and was appraised in August at \$1.4 million. The vote passed 6-0.

The property is slated to become home to city hall offices and other city departments. The building is 56,000 square feet and situated on seven acres. The building was deemed sound after evaluations were performed by electrical, mechanical, plumbing and building experts.

City Manager Randy Fernandez characterizes the potential move as 'one stop shopping' for residents. While improvements will be necessary to accommodate the departments that may be housed there, Fernandez says the move is in the best interest of residents. The facility could additionally contain the museum and community center. Ample parking is available. Mayor, city council and city administration are currently evaluating the feasibility of relocating the departments and facilities to the newly acquired building.

The donation materialized after Michael Hartman, manager of neighboring Engineered Plastic Components, notified The Knolls regarding the city's interest in a new municipal campus. After consideration The Knolls determined that the property was surplus to its operations and approached city officials regarding the donation.

The current city hall, which is nearly 50 years old, is in need of imminent repairs including roof and window replacement. The public safety building which houses the police and fire departments has been plagued with roof and plumbing problems since it was built in 1997.

In September 2015 an advisory vote to build a brand new municipal campus on city property was turned down by residents.



*1515 Busha Highway may house various City of Marysville departments.*

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## Christmas in the Park 2016

The second annual 'Christmas in the Park' decoration contest is back by popular demand. Organized by the Marysville Business Council, this year's theme is 'favorite Christmas movie'.

Participating businesses and organizations will construct their lighted scenes beginning November 12—19 in Marysville City Park near the splash pad. Public viewing commences on November 21 and lasts through January 1. The event winner will be announced on Saturday, December 3 just after the Marysville Santa Parade.

For more information please contact Wayne Pyden at [waynepyden@yahoo.com](mailto:waynepyden@yahoo.com) or Rita Hendricks at [rehendricks13@gmail.com](mailto:rehendricks13@gmail.com).

## Police Dog Holds Much Promise

K9 Officer Heiko's career is off to a bright start after earning his first suspect apprehension on October 4. Heiko tracked the suspect from a wooded area in New Baltimore and captured him in a nearby home. The suspect had eluded authorities for ten days after escaping during an interagency transfer in Clinton Township.

On August 18 the police dog also discovered key evidence which was pivotal in the apprehension of a suspect who was involved in the robbery of Genisys Credit Union.

K9 Officer Heiko was sworn in with the Marysville Police Department at a city council meeting on June 27. Prior to being sworn in, Heiko and handler Officer Justin Reeves underwent extensive three-month training at the National Association of Professional Canine Handlers in Taylor, Michigan. Training sessions sometimes lasted 10 to 12 hours each. The team became certified in narcotics detection on June 16 and Heiko officially earned the title of Police Patrol Dog.

Dog and handler are also certified in building searches (on or off leash), aggression control, obedience, apprehensions, suspect or missing persons tracking, area searches for missing or discarded items and handler protection.

According to Officer Reeves, each day Heiko is excited to work and can't wait to get into the truck for traffic stops and calls. "He's a nice and pleasant dog until I tell him not to be. I'm very proud to be his handler," said Reeves at the swearing-in ceremony.



K9 Officer Heiko wearing his badge.

Heiko was born in Germany and imported by an Ohio breeder prior to coming to Marysville.

From its inception the K9 Unit has received immense support from the community, mayor and city council and city administration. Through multiple fundraisers and donations, the Friends of the Marysville Police Department K9 Unit raised more than \$50,000 which secured the dog, equipment and training.

For updates on the K9 Unit please like [Friends Of The Marysville Police Dept K9 Unit](#) on Facebook.

## Playground Installed in City Park

Thanks to an idea from an 8-year-old girl, Marysville City Park is home to a beautiful new playground.

Located near the splash pad, the playground was the concept of resident Ella Paterson who sustained a serious head injury in the spring of 2014. Her physical activity was extensively restricted afterward and when visiting Marysville City Park with her family, she was unable to use the existing play equipment. It was there she realized the need for a playground for people of all abilities. A fundraising campaign began soon thereafter with \$10,000 in donations pouring in from lemonade stands, bake sales and a Go Fund Me account. Enbridge Energy donated another \$5,000. More than \$15,000 was ultimately raised for the playground and donated to the city.

The universally accessible equipment was purchased from Penchura LLC at a cost of \$54,000. After applying the donations, the city's recreation fund paid the remainder of the expense.

This past July the playground was community-built which saved the city approximately \$26,000 in labor costs. Ella, who is now fully recovered, along with family, friends and other community and business members were on hand with Penchura representatives to install the equipment.

This is the first new playground equipment to be added to the park in 15 years.



Community members, DPW staff and Penchura representatives assembling the playground on July 20, 2016.



**VOTE! November 8, 2016—Polls open 7 a.m.—8 p.m.**

Precinct 1: Masonic Temple, 1569 Michigan Avenue

Precinct 2: Marysville Middle School, 400 Collard Drive

Precinct 3: Gardens Elementary School, 1076 6th Street

Unsure of your precinct? Call our Clerk's Office at (810) 455-1318.

## Recreation Programs ~ Fall 2016

Please register in our Recreation Department in Marysville City Hall, 1111 Delaware Avenue. For more information please call (810) 455-1302. **ONLINE REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE!** Visit [leagues.bluesombrero.com/cityofmarysvillemi](http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/cityofmarysvillemi) to create an account and register.

**Fall Session II: Week of November 3—December 17**  
**All classes will be held at Marysville Community Center,**  
**867 E. Huron Blvd. unless otherwise noted.**

### Annual Santa Parade

**Saturday, December 3, 2016—5 p.m.**

Come join the fun in welcoming Santa to our beautiful city! Any business or group may participate in this **LIGHTED** parade by contacting the Recreation Department. Christmas in the Park winner will be announced post parade. Begins at Village Green Shopping Plaza and ends in Marysville City Park. Light refreshments will be served.

### Creative Crafts for Kids

Kids bring your creativity to this class and construct crafts focused on the upcoming holidays.

**When:** Saturdays beginning November 5  
 9—9:45 a.m. (ages 4-6); 10—10:45 a.m. (ages 7-12)  
**Cost:** \$20 residents; \$30 non-residents

### Indoor Walking

Stay warm this fall and winter while walking the halls of Marysville High School. This program is open to the public beginning this fall when the weather becomes cold. We thank the high school for allowing our residents to use this facility to help them stay fit!

**When:** Monday – Friday; 4 – 8 p.m.  
**Cost:** FREE to Marysville residents

### Pickleball

It's a little tennis, a bit of ping-pong and a splash of badminton! Come 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 the game. Designed for all ages, pickleball will keep you on your toes!

**When:** Wednesdays; 6 – 8 p.m.; November 9 – December 14  
**Where:** Morton Elementary School  
**Cost:** \$2

### Open Recreation

Drop-in basketball and volleyball are open to adults ages 16 and older and children with adult supervision. Please check our website or facebook page for cancellations. *Program runs now – December 15, 2016.*

#### Days/Time:

Tuesday – Basketball; 7 – 9 p.m.; Morton Elementary School  
 Thursday – Volleyball; 7 – 9 p.m.; Morton Elementary School

**Drop In Fees:** residents—\$2; non-residents—\$4

**Season Pass:** resident individual/family—\$25/\$50;  
 non-resident individual/family—\$50/\$75

### Marysville Wrestling Club

Affiliated with the Marysville High School wrestling team and the Marysville Recreation Department, this club offers structured training for kids in 1st through 8th grades. Practice consists of learning and drilling techniques along with wrestling and conditioning. The club competes through the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association which hosts tournaments on weekends in December through March. **The first practice is Monday, November 21.** For further information please contact Rocky Palazzolo at [rpalazzolo@marysvilleschools.us](mailto:rpalazzolo@marysvilleschools.us) or Stefanie DeNardin at (810) 455-1302.

**When:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 6—8 p.m.

**Where:** Morton Elementary School

**Cost:** \$110 (through November 14); \$120 (after November 14)

### Open Swim

Marysville High School pool is available for open and lap swimming. American Red Cross Certified Lifeguards are present. An adult must be present in the pool with children under age seven. For cancellations visit [Marysville Recreation Department's](https://www.facebook.com/MarysvilleRecreationDepartment/) Facebook page. Please be advised that pool is not open when school is not in session.

**When:** Monday—Thursday; 6:30—8 p.m.

**Cost (Daily Fee):** individual resident/family: \$2/\$5;  
 non resident individual/family—\$4/\$10

**Cost (Season Pass):** resident individual/family: \$30/\$50;  
 non-resident individual/family: \$50/\$90

### Fall Rates at Golf Course

Special fall rates are now in effect at the golf course now through the close of the season. To book a tee time please visit their website at [marysvillgolf.com](http://marysvillgolf.com), call the pro shop at (810) 364-4653 or visit [golfnow.com](http://golfnow.com).

Green Fees: 9 holes—\$7; 18 holes—\$9  
 Power Cart: 9 holes—\$5; 18 holes—\$6

*Free Cart Monday on October 31!*  
*Free carts all day for season pass holders!*

### Golf Course Volunteers Go Above and Beyond

The golf course was in tip-top shape this season due to the help of some dedicated volunteers. Shoveling between 10 and 15 tons of topsoil and spreading 100 pounds of grass seed, the crew kept the tees in great shape all year. The volunteers also repaired ball marks in greens, picked up broken tees from the tee surface, painted ground under repair markers, edged irrigation heads and yardage markers and trimmed the entire hedge row along Cuttle Road.

Thank you to volunteer organizer Leon Falk and volunteers Ken Oles, Jim Czarnecki, Dave Crimmins, Don Sharrard, Al Stahl, Bob Vince, Dino Olvera, Tom Wheeler, Stephanie Halpin, Mal Smith, Don Nabozney, Jerry Johnson, Charley Peyrek and Paul Wessel.

**Your hard work is greatly appreciated!**

## 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: *Ends November 30.*** 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.

For more information please call our DPS at (810) 364-8340 or visit our website for further details.

## 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.

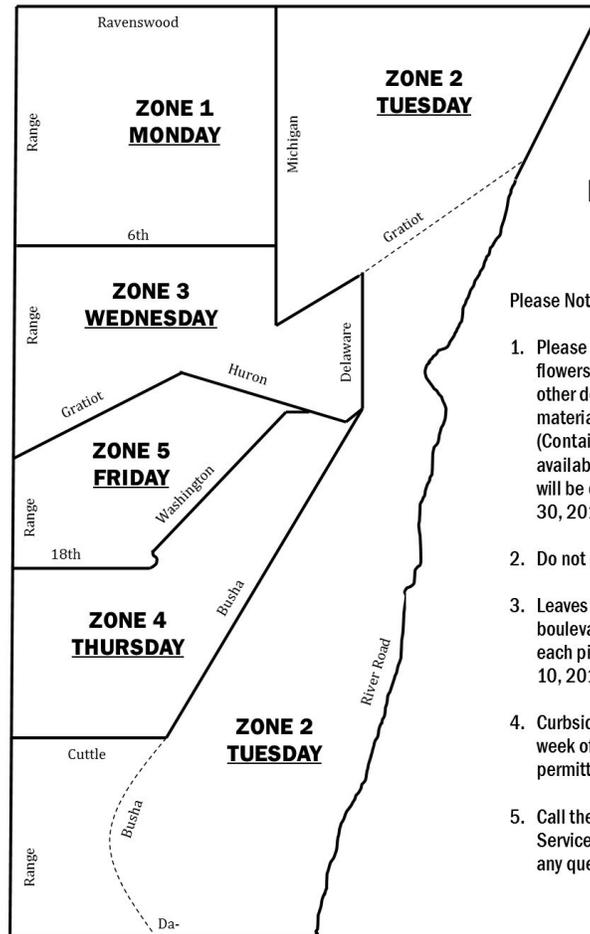
### ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING:

- **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!!*

## Leaf Vacuum Service Begins

Leaf vacuuming commenced on Monday, October 10 and will end on Friday, December 2. To ensure pick-up please rake your unwanted leaves to the curb by 7 a.m. of your designated day. Do not mix leaves with brush, grass, branches or other debris as material will not be vacuumed. Please also do not park vehicles on leaves as this could start a fire.

Call our Department of Public Service at (810) 364-8340 for further information.



## MARYSVILLE 2016 LEAF REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Please Note:

1. Please do not intermix brush, flowers, grass, garden material or other debris in leaf piles as this material will not be vacuumed up. (Containerized yard waste pickup is available for these materials and will be collected through November 30, 2016.)
2. Do not park vehicles on leaf piles.
3. Leaves should be placed on the boulevard at the curb by 7 a.m. of each pickup day beginning October 10, 2016.
4. Curbside leaf collection ends the week of December 2, 2016 (weather permitting).
5. Call the Department of Public Service at (810) 364-8340 with any questions.

<b>Zone 1</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>Zone 2</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Zone 3</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Zone 4</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>Zone 5</b> <b>Friday</b>
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## Road Repaving/Water Main Replacement Delayed

Work will commence in April 2017 on the water main replacement and road repaving projects on Connecticut Avenue, Drawbridge Court and North St. James. The projects, which were to begin this past summer, required added survey and engineering work delaying the start date. Asphalt companies also close in mid-November and the projects could not have been fully completed. For further information please contact our Department of Public Service at (810) 364-8340. Please be patient as we make our city a better place to live.



## Chrysler Beach Fishing Pier to be Lengthened

The current fishing pier at Chrysler Beach will become a little longer next year thanks to the Marysville City Council. On September 26, the council voted 6-0 to approve a recommendation to accept the lowest cost responsive turn-key bid from Malcolm Marine of St. Clair to extend the fishing pier to match the current pier in place.

Installation will be performed solely by Malcolm Marine, hence the term ‘turn-key’, and will cost the city \$101,709.

Prior to the bid, city administration submitted several grant proposals to secure funding for a fishing pier but were met with rejection. Therefore \$129,000 was set aside in the budget to perform the project.

The pier will be ADA compliant and has an estimated completion date of December 31, 2017. Permits have been approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Part of the Chrysler Beach Master Plan, the fishing pier extension is just one of many projects which will or have occurred at the site. Stormwater improvements were made in 2013 which included the installation of several rain gardens to filter storm water runoff into the St. Clair River. The boat launch was widened in 2014 and the adjacent shoreline made more natural. A new bathroom, concession stand and playground were constructed in 2015 and 2016. A fish cleaning station was also added to the site along with permanent picnic tables and sun shades.

## Department of Public Safety Reminders

### Snow Parking Ordinance

Beginning December 1 no street parking is allowed for vehicles between the hours of 2 a.m.—6 a.m. This is to ensure that our streets are effectively plowed in the event of snow fall.



### Lock Your Vehicles

You could be a victim of crime so please lock your vehicles—even in your own driveway—even in Marysville. This helps to deter the “car hoppers” who are generally youth traveling from vehicle to vehicle in residential areas, checking to see if vehicles are unlocked and stealing things from those that are not locked.

### Vehicles Blocking Sidewalks

As a reminder, blocking a sidewalk with your vehicle is a violation of city ordinance. Please make sure your vehicle does not block the sidewalk whenever you park it. This will ensure safety for our children, those exercising and dog walkers.

## News from the Treasurer’s Office

**Winter 2016 tax and utility bills will be payable beginning Thursday, December 1, 2016. Bills will be mailed in late November.**

**Utility Bills:** The 2016—2017 water/sewer/refuse rate for six months is \$361.35 and is paid in advance. Payment is due on January 31, 2017 and covers service from January 1—June 30, 2017.

**Winter Tax Bills:** Payments are due on February 14, 2017. **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). 2016 taxes not paid by February 28, 2017 will be forwarded to the St. Clair County Treasurer.

**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 a discount.

Applications are available in the Treasurer’s Office. An itemization of the total household income or a 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.

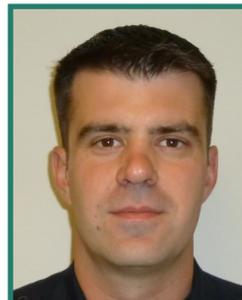
**Dog Licenses** will no longer be sold at the City of Marysville. Please visit one of the following locations to purchase: SCC Intervention Center, 1170 Michigan, Port Huron; SCC Treasurer, 200 Grand River, Ste. 101, Port Huron; SCC Animal Control, 3378 Griswold, Port Huron. You may also purchase a license online beginning January 1, 2017 at [dogs.stclaircounty.org](http://dogs.stclaircounty.org).

## New Faces at the City of Marysville

Please join us in welcoming our newest employees—Officer Matthew Golembiewski and Mike Korth.

Officer Golembiewski began employment with the City on July 21, 2016 as a patrolman. A graduate of Marysville High School, he previously worked in law enforcement in Arlington, Virginia.

Mike Korth is our new water/wastewater utilityman and began September 14, 2016. Korth previously worked in the construction and trucking industries. He is also a certified aviation mechanic and a graduate of Marysville High School.



Matthew Golembiewski



Mike Korth

### City of Marysville—Dates to Remember

- October 28 ..... Last farmers’ market of the season.
- October 31 ..... Halloween trick or treating hours ( 5—8 p.m.).
- November 6 ..... Daylight savings ends ~ fall back one hour.
- November 8 ..... Election Day (polls open 7 a.m.—8 p.m.).
- November 24-25 ... Thanksgiving holiday (city offices closed).
- November 30 ..... Yard waste collection ends (cans marked with ‘X’ or compost bags).
- December 2 ..... Leaf vacuuming ends this week.
- December 3 ..... Marysville Santa Parade—5 p.m.
- December 21 ..... First day of winter.
- December 23-26 ... Christmas holiday (city offices closed).
- Dec. 30-Jan. 2 ..... New Year’s holiday (city offices closed).
- January 31 ..... Water/sewer/refuse bills due.
- February 14 ..... Winter taxes due.
- February 28 ..... Last day to pay 2016 taxes in Treasurer’s Office.

### New Bird House Installed at Water Filtration Plant

Marysville resident Rick Sharrow built and donated a huge bird-house to replace the dilapidated one located on the north side of the water plant near the kayak launch. It was installed on October 6, 2016 with the help of the Department of Public Service.



Thank you Rick for your thoughtfulness!

### FREE Snow Removal Service for Elderly & Disabled

Winter is nearly upon us and the City of Marysville would like to remind residents that per Ordinance 460, ice and snow accumulations on city sidewalk(s) abutting their properties must be removed within 24 hours. Our Department of Public Service is no longer able to perform this task.

Elderly and disabled residents, however, are eligible to receive FREE snow removal on their city sidewalks. Residents who qualify will be placed on a list and whenever accumulation occurs, volunteers will be contacted to remove it. All residents must be residing in the City during the winter months to receive service.

The City of Marysville is also seeking volunteers to assist with snow removal. This is a great opportunity for church groups, athletic teams, students needing community service hours or those looking to do a good deed.

To determine eligibility for snow removal service or to volunteer, please call our Recreation Department at (810) 455-1302.



### 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 ..... 455-1302
- Department of Public Service..... 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 ..... 455-1315
- 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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