

City of Marysville

Fall 2018/Winter 2019

Volume XXXIX, No. 3

Inside...

- **Christmas in the Park**
- **Lighted Christmas Parade**
- **Winter Tax & Utility Information**
- **Winter Ongoing Recreation Programs**
- **City Hall Upstairs Rented**
- **Marysville Community Fund**
- **Commercial Water Meter Information**

MARYSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor
DANIEL A. DAMMAN

Mayor Pro-Tem
KATHY HAYMAN

Council Members
GREG BADLEY
DAVID C. BARBER
RITA HENDRICKS
DANIEL SHIRKEY
PAUL A. WESSEL

City Manager
RANDALL S. FERNANDEZ

Editor & Graphics
JULIE SOBKOWSKI

KEEPING
IN... Touch

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

Icon Joseph S. Johns Passes Away

Former mayor and long time council member Joe Johns, 95, died October 27, 2018. Mr. Johns served the City of Marysville almost continuously for 55 years beginning in 1951 and ending in 2013. For 12 of those years he was mayor. Johns was one of the longest serving public officials in Michigan history.

Johns' funeral service was held on October 31st. As a final tribute, his procession momentarily paused in front of Marysville City Hall on its way to his final resting place in Riverlawn Cemetery.

Joe Johns was born in 1923. His father operated a grocery store in what is now the Lynwood Bar and he and his family lived on the building's second floor. Graduating in 1940 from Marysville High School, Johns served in the Navy during World War II on the destroyer the USS Quick.

Nearly a lifelong resident of Marysville, Johns only resided in other parts of the country for a few years for work purposes. He was employed by hydraulic cylinder manufacturer Anker Holth for many years and retired as its vice president. He also began his own company Bridgewater Manufacturing which designed saws to cut steel.

Johns was heavily involved with several area non-profit organizations including the J. Edward Malloreay American Legion Post #449, Marysville Lodge #498 F. & A.M., the Girl Scouts, The Council on Aging and Marysville Methodist Church.

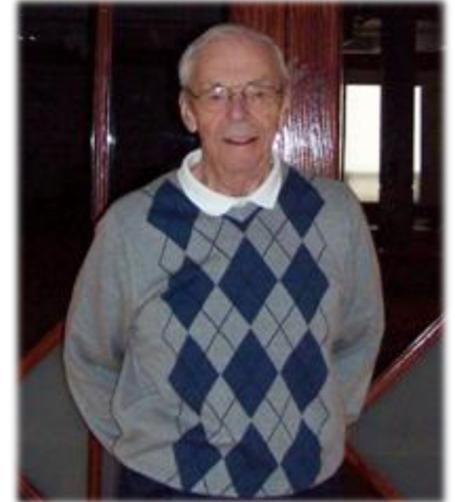
On February 25, 2013 the City of Marysville held a ceremony to name its council chambers after Johns, who had just turned 90 a few days prior. Mayor, city council and administration thought it fitting to honor a man who was so devoted to his community. More than 100 family members, friends and past and present city employees jammed the newly named Joseph S. Johns Council Chambers to express their appreciation.

Johns, who was Mayor Pro Tem at that time, was emotionally moved as the chamber's new name was unveiled. "I'd like to say something, but I can't," he said. The ceremony was a closely guarded secret and a complete surprise for Johns who thought he was only going to enjoy a piece of birthday cake during the meeting.

He was an inspiration to many including his daughter Kathy Hayman who is the city's current Mayor Pro-Tem—an office Johns held for 28 years.

Joe is survived by wife Mary Lou to whom he was married for 67 years, and children

See Johns on page 6



Joe Johns in 2013 posing in front of the council chambers that bear his name.

Christmas in the Park
November 26th—December 31st
(Lighted Christmas Parade December 1st)
Marysville City Park

Take a drive or stroll to view more than 20 lighted Christmas displays created by local businesses and organizations. See Page 2 for details.

Park Transformed into Winter Wonderland

Beginning November 26th through December 31st, the 3rd Annual Christmas in the Park will be up and running.

Holiday light enthusiasts may view more than 20 displays in Marysville City Park. Area organizations and businesses created the all LED light displays based on the theme 'This is Christmas.'

Participants are as follows:

- Campbell & Shaw Steel;
- Gerber Collision;
- CJ's Bar & Grill;
- St. Clair County Community Mental Health;
- Bright Pointe Dental;
- Community Wesleyan Church;
- Thorpe Printing;
- McLaren Port Huron;
- PGS Dentistry;
- Meggan's Photography;
- Chemical Bank;
- Genisys Credit Union;
- Farm Bureau Insurance;
- Great Clips;
- Four Star Grille;
- Heartland Steel Products;
- Pregis Performance;
- Eastern Michigan Bank;
- Pier One Polymers;
- St. Clair Packaging;
- Boddy Construction;
- Shirkey Electric;
- Marysville Rotary Club; and
- Boy Scout Troop #216.

Displays will be judged on November 28th. The winning displays will be announced on December 1st at 6 pm in the Band Shell after our lighted parade.

Holiday ornaments commemorating the annual event will be sold for \$10.

Christmas in the Park is brought to you by the Marysville Business Council and the Marysville Recreation Department.



Above—lighted displays from previous Christmas in the Park events.

Marysville to Welcome Holiday Season with Parade

Marysville Recreation Department has planned an abundance of holiday festivities to be held on Saturday, December 1st.

The celebration will kick off at 5 pm with our annual Lighted Christmas Parade. The event begins at Village Green Shopping Plaza, travels east on Huron Blvd. and ends at the Marysville City Park Band Shell. Marching bands Marysville Viking Regiment and the Marysville Freshmen Band along with decorated big trucks and lighted floats sponsored by area businesses and organizations will be in the parade.

Starting at 6 pm Mayor Dan Damman will emcee the Lighting Ceremony. One lucky child will be randomly chosen from our Recreation Department's drawing to light the Christmas tree and the City's light display. The winner of the Christmas in the Park competition will also be announced.

Santa Claus will be taking time from his busy schedule to make an appearance at Marysville Community Center from 6:30—8 pm. Photo opportunities with Santa are available but please bring your own camera.

Food truck Eli's Eats in the Streets will also be in the park for visitors to grab a quick bite to eat.

2018 Annual Lighted Christmas Parade & Festivities

5 pm—Parade

(viewing area: Village Green Plaza, Huron Blvd. or Marysville City Park from the train entrance to band shell.

6 pm—Lighting Ceremony

Winner of Christmas in the Park announced. City light display turned on. Kids may enter the drawing to light the Christmas tree at the Recreation Department in Marysville Community Center.

6:30 pm—Santa Visit

Marysville Community Center. Please bring your own camera to take photos.

Tax & Utility Bills to be Mailed

It's that time of year again. Winter tax and utility bills will be mailed to residents and property owners on Friday, November 30, 2018.

Bills may be paid online or via our front door drop box beginning Saturday, December 1st. In person payments begin at city hall on Monday, December 3rd. Payments accepted are check, cash or credit/debit card. A 3% processing fee will be added to payments made by card.

Utility payments are due Thursday, January 31, 2019. A 5% penalty will be added to outstanding utility accounts beginning February 1, 2019. Winter tax payments are due Thursday, February 14, 2019. A 4% penalty will be added to all unpaid winter taxes and any unpaid deferred summer tax balances.

IMPORTANT NOTES: *Property owners who have recently paid off their mortgages should notify the Treasurer's Department at (810) 455-1344 to ensure tax bills are mailed to the proper address.

**The City of Marysville is not responsible for bills lost or misplaced by the U.S. Postal Service. Contact our Treasurer's Office if you've not received your bills. It is a property owner's responsibility to be cognizant that taxes and utility bills are due twice annually. Penalties are never waived.

Senior Water/Sewer Discount

Senior citizens ages 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 \$25,000 or less are eligible for a 30% discount on the water/sewer portion of their bills. The refuse charge is not eligible for discount.

Applications are available in our Treasurer's Office and an itemization of total household income or copy of your 2017 MI-1040CR form is required. Condominium owners whose water/sewer bills are paid by their condominium associations are to make application prior to June 15th for the July billing or November 15th for the December billing.

Please call our Treasurer's Office at (810) 455-1344 or visit www.cityofmarysvillemi.com/treasurer for more information or to download the application form.

Tax Assistance Available

Having trouble gathering together funds to pay your taxes? Property owners may make partial payments on the amount due through February 28, 2019. A 1% penalty per month for four months will be applied to summer taxes on the first of the month after July 31st; a 4% penalty will be applied after February 14, 2019 to winter taxes.

Property owners may also defer their summer taxes and pay through February 14th of the following year with no penalties applied. Application for deferment must be completed by September 15th and certain criteria must be met.

Numerous local agencies including the Department of Human Services, The Council on Aging, Veterans Trust Fund and others also offer tax assistance. The St. Clair County Treasurer has prepared an informative brochure for those in need. To view this brochure visit our website at www.cityofmarysvillemi.com/treasurer or call (810) 455-1344 for more information or to request a copy.

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 am on Wednesday to be removed that day. Our ordinance prohibits placement before 6 pm 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 am 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 ends November 28th.
- **Condominium complexes are NOT eligible for yard waste pick up.**

Recycling Guidelines

Recycling (in your blue or lime green container, one per household) will be picked up on Wednesdays. ***If your household currently doesn't have a bin 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 aluminum—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. ***NO PIZZA 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!!***



Marysville Recreation Ongoing Programs

There will be no programs from December 21, 2018 through January 7, 2019. More special activities will be announced in the new year. To register visit leagues.bluesombrero.com/cityofmarysvillemi or stop by Marysville Community Center at 867 E. Huron Blvd. from 8 a.m.—4:30 pm Monday—Friday.

Toddler Play Group (now through December 18. Program resumes January 8, 2019.)

Free, drop in toddler playgroup for all of our friends in the community. Kids can enjoy tumbling on the mats, group games and other activities. Please check [Marysville Recreation Department Facebook](#) for cancellations.

Where: Marysville Community Center
When: Tuesday
Time: 10 am
Fee: Free

Open Recreation (now through May 2)

Morton Elementary School is available this winter for drop-in basketball and volleyball. Program open to adults (16 & older) and children with adult supervision. Enter through back parking lot door. Please check [Marysville Recreation Department Facebook](#) for cancellations.

When: Tuesday (basketball) & Thursday (volleyball)
Time: 7—9 pm
Fees: \$2 (resident); \$4 (non-resident)

Indoor Walking (now through May 2)

Avoid hypothermia and walk the halls of Marysville High School this winter. The building is open to the public Monday through Friday from 4—8 pm. Thank you to the high school for allowing our residents to use their beautiful facility to help with their fitness.

Senior Water Aerobics (now through December 20. Program resumes the week of January 8, 2019.)

Seniors can enjoy the benefit of warm, therapeutic water set between 82-86 degrees. The pool is handicap accessible including the ramp entrance and exit. This is a group exercise program without a lead instructor. Program for ages 50 and older.

Where: St. Clair County RESA Woodlands Pool
 499 Range Road, Kimball
When: Tuesday & Thursday
Time: 6—7:30 pm
Fee: \$1 per class

Open Swim (now through December 13. New schedule available after the new year at www.cityofmarysvillemi.com/recreation-2/aquatic-programs.)

Where: Marysville High School Pool
When: Monday—Thursday
Time: 6:30—8:30 pm
Fees: \$2 (resident); \$4 (non-resident)

Community Center Rental

Our newly renovated facility is great for birthday parties, family celebrations, graduation parties, baby or wedding showers, class or family reunions and more. Table and chairs are provided for up to 100 people along with a refrigerator, stove and dishwasher. All rentals include 30 minutes of setup and tear

down time each. All reservations must be made in person at the Community Center. Two hour minimum required.

Cost: \$40/hour (resident); \$80/hour (non-resident)
Where: 867 E. Huron Blvd. (Marysville City Park)

A \$40 deposit is required to reserve a date. All reservations must be paid in full by the Friday before the reservation date.

Snacks, crafts, games, the showing of Polar Express, and more!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

Kiddos- tell all your friends, put on your favorite PJ's and join us for a fun night on the Polar Express!

Friday, December 7th
6pm-9pm

Attention All—
Kindergarten-5th Graders
\$10 (Resident) or
\$12 (Non Resident)

Questions? Please contact Marysville Recreation Department at (810) 455-1302 or email MarysvilleRecreationDepartment@gmail.com

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Donate to the Marysville Community Fund

Looking for a year end giving opportunity? Community funds are a valuable resource that allow residents, businesses and organizations to support their hometowns. The Marysville Community Fund is the fourth such fund managed by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County.

This permanently endowed fund for the residents of Marysville will support special projects, programs and organizations in Marysville for generations to come.

Initial corporate gifts from DTE, SMR, Semco and Wells Fargo helped the fund approach \$50,000 in its first year. Through the additional and continued generosity of local residents, the fund is now over \$76,000.

The community fund allows a committee of local residents to decide the best charitable uses for the grantable funds. Committee members include: Deem Boldyreff, Tammy Czachowski, Scott Forster, Lesley Green, John Kendrick, Brian Moran and Danny Negin.

Part of expanding opportunities to give has come by beginning to work closely with the Marysville Rotary Club. Together, both groups hope to increase their local impact and raise awareness for hometown giving.

The Marysville Community Fund has granted to benefit the students of Marysville schools and athletics, Marysville parks and waterfront, as well as the local little league. This is homegrown philanthropy and it will continue to make a difference far into the future.

You can help grow the Marysville Community Fund by contributing online at www.stclairfoundation.org, writing a check and mailing it to 500 Water St., Port Huron, MI, 48060 or considering leaving a legacy through your estate plan by including the Marysville Community Fund in your will or trust. For more information, please contact the Community Foundation at (810) 984-4761 or info@stclairfoundation.org.

At right—Marysville Recreation Department (top) and Gardens Elementary School (bottom) are among the recipients of funds from the Marysville Community Fund.



RESA to Rent City Hall Upstairs

St. Clair County RESA will begin renting the upstairs of Marysville City Hall effective January 1, 2019. The 7200 square foot space will be used for an early childhood development program.

Rent will be \$4,500 per month and the amount will be credited toward the City's monthly IT services bill charged by RESA.

The lease runs through October 31, 2019. At that time RESA has the option to purchase the building and the land upon which the building is located.

Marysville City Hall was built in 1967 ironically by the Marysville Intermediate School District (ISD) which is now St. Clair County RESA. The ISD sold the building to the City of Marysville in 1975 after they moved to their current location at 499 Range Road.

New Businesses in Marysville

Join us in welcoming the following new businesses that registered with the City of Marysville since January 1, 2018:

- Pete's Sports Stop
- Twice & Nice
- Mad About Balloons, LLC
- BW's Dog Biscuits
- Foglesong Automotive Services
- Tough Weld Fabrication
- Michelle's Tax Services
- Kiddie Campus Early Learning Center
- Collective Expressions LLC
- Detail Garage
- Pier One Polymers Inc.
- Pizza Hut
- K & A Auto Repair Inc.



City of Marysville—Dates to Remember

November 28.....	Last day for yard waste removal.
December 1—April 1.....	No parking on city streets from 2 am to 6 am.
December 1.....	Lighted Christmas Parade—5 pm
December 7.....	Last day of leaf vacuum pick up.
December 21.....	Winter begins.
December 24 & 25.....	Christmas Holiday (<i>City Offices Closed</i>)
December 31 & January 1.....	New Year’s Holiday (<i>City Offices Closed</i>)
January 21.....	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>City Offices Open</i>)
January 31.....	Water/Sewer/Refuse payments due.
February 14.....	Winter 2018 tax payments due.
February 18.....	President’s Day (<i>City Offices Open</i>)
February 28.....	Last day to pay Summer/Winter 2018 taxes at City Hall.
March 10.....	Daylight Savings Time begins.
March 20.....	Spring begins.
April 1.....	Marysville Park pavilion reservations begin. (<i>residents only</i>)
April 3.....	First day for yard waste removal.
April 19.....	Good Friday (<i>City Offices Closed</i>)
April 21.....	Easter
May 1.....	Marysville Park pavilion reservations for non-residents & residents.
May 3.....	Farmers’ Market begins. (<i>Fridays May—October</i>)
May 27.....	Memorial Day (<i>City Offices Closed</i>)
May 27.....	Memorial Day Parade—10 am (<i>Organized by American Legion Post #449.</i>)

Progress Being Made on New City Hall Building

Residents who drive along Delaware Avenue near the public safety building will notice the steel I-beam framing in place for the new city hall. The expected completion date is on or before November 2019 at a cost of \$2.1 million.



Attention Commercial Water Users!

Cold weather has arrived. Please remember to protect your water meter from frost and freezing. Meter repairs or replacements could cost up to \$200 or more. For further information on how to protect your meter, please contact our Water Department at (810) 364-8460.

Johns cont’d from Page 1

Joseph, Michael and Kathy. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A man who served his community with pride and honor, Joe Johns’ service to the City of Marysville is immeasurable. Affable and greatly respected, Joe will be missed by many and the legacy he left behind will continue to be built upon and won’t soon be forgotten.

City Phone Numbers

EMERGENCIES.....	911
Administrative Office.....	364-6613
Admin. Office 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

e-mail: mvillecity@cityofmarysvillemi.com
www.cityofmarysvillemi.com

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



City of Marysville
 1111 Delaware Avenue
 Marysville, Michigan 48040
 (810) 364-6613

www.cityofmarysvillemi.com



City of Marysville, Michigan
Marysville Recreation Department
Marysville City Golf Course