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Community survey to guide future of Discovery Education Station

By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD — Leaders at the Discovery Education Station are asking residents to help shape the future of a planned expansion by completing a community survey aimed at guiding new features and funding priorities.

The facility, located downtown on Central Avenue, is looking to grow beyond a traditional children's museum into a broader "edutainment" space designed for families across central Wisconsin. Organizers say the goal is to create an inclusive environment that blends education, entertainment and community needs.



"We want something for the community as a whole," a representative said. "It's not going to be a normal children's museum."

The survey, open to participants ages 3 to 103, asks residents to weigh in on potential additions such as virtual reality experiences, science stations, sensory rooms, therapy spaces and art studios. Organizers say the feedback will determine which features are prioritized and how funding is allocated.

Results from the survey will also be used to demonstrate community demand to potential donors. Leaders say that data is critical when seeking financial support for the project, which is estimated to cost about \$1.5 million.

"We need the proof to back it up," the representative said, noting that donor contributions depend on clear evidence of community interest.

The survey is expected to remain open through the end of April. Organizers report about 1,000 responses so far but say they hope to collect tens of thousands to strengthen their case for funding.

Community members interested in supporting the project financially can donate through the organization's website, social media pages or by contacting the center directly.

In addition to fundraising, the nonprofit is seeking volunteers to assist with organizing materials, maintaining the space and supporting its retail area, which features locally made crafts.

The organization has recently expanded its programming capabilities, including the addition of a vehicle used to transport children and families to field trips at museums and zoos.

Organizers encourage residents to participate in the survey, emphasizing that community input will directly influence the project's direction.

"Your opinion matters," the representative said.

Annual Arbor Day Celebration

The City of Marshfield Parks & Recreation Department will host its 5th Annual Arbor Day Celebration on Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Braem Park (905 N Cedar Avenue).

During the event, the City Forester will give a short Arbor Day presentation and demonstrate the proper way to plant a tree. Participants will then work together to help plant approximately 140 trees at the park.

Students will break into small groups with a group leader and assist with planting the trees and covering the roots with soil. All tools will be provided.

Participants are encouraged to wear clothes that can get dirty.

The Arbor Day celebration highlights the importance of trees in the community, expands Marshfield's urban forest, and provides a hands-on learning opportunity for students.



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GOVERNMENT MEETINGS WEEK OF April 13th

Monday, April 13

•4:00 p.m. - Marshfield Utilities Commission

Tuesday, April 14

•6:00 p.m. - Common Council

Thursday, April 16

•7:30 a.m. - Fire and Police Commission

Flashpoint

By Angie Houghton - Marshfield Now!

The Flashpoint program marks the revival and evolution of the pre-COVID Citizens Fire Academy, reimagined as an engaging, single-day experience designed to spark community interest and participation.



Although attendance may be modest this year, organizers are focused on creating a meaningful and enjoyable experience for participants, with the goal of building momentum for future events.

The day's activities include a station tour, EMS demonstrations and hands-on skills, and an immersive fire training session at the training center, where participants will interact with equipment and observe fire behavior through a controlled "dollhouse" burn demonstration.

This interactive approach not only highlights the critical work of emergency responders but also educates attendees on fire safety practices in a memorable and impactful way, laying the foundation for increased community involvement in the years

Marshfield Voters Elect Mayor and Councilmembers

The City of Marshfield announces that Nick Poeschel has been elected Mayor to a two-year term. Michael J. Feirer has been elected Alderperson for District 1. Natasha Tompkins has been elected Alderperson for District 3. Scott Koran has been elected Alderperson for

District 5. Brian Giles has been elected Alderperson for District 7. Richard T. Kranz has been elected Alderperson for District 9.

The City of Marshfield thanks all candidates for their participation and recognizes the residents who took part in the election process.

The newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers will take office on April 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Junior & Senior Summer Volleyball League Registration Open

The City of Marshfield Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the Junior and Senior Summer Volleyball League.

This program offers an opportunity for students to stay active, build teamwork skills, and enjoy competitive play in a structured and supportive environment.

League Divisions:

- Junior Division: Students entering grades 8–9
- Senior Division: Students entering grades 10–12

Season Details:

- Games will be held on Wednesdays from June 10 through July 15
- Match times will run between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- All games will take place at the Columbus Fieldhouse

Registration Information:

- Team fee is \$178.50
- Registration forms are available on the City website
- Forms and payment are due by May 14
- A \$25 late fee will apply after the deadline

March Public Safety Activity Snapshot

March was a steady and active month

for emergency response in Marshfield, with crews responding to a total of 343 calls for service, averaging 11.1 calls per day.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) accounted for the majority of activity, with 314 medical responses, while fire crews handled 37 fire-related responses. These numbers reflect the continued demand for both emergency medical care and fire protection across the community.

The busiest days of the month occurred on March 12, March 19, and March 22, each seeing a higher-than-average volume of calls. These peak days highlight the importance of maintaining staffing, readiness, and coordinated response capabilities.

In addition to emergency response, the department completed 158 fire inspections, supporting ongoing safety efforts throughout the community. Crews also logged 824 hours of training, reinforcing their commitment to preparedness and professional development.

Call data shows that in most cases, one ambulance was sufficient to handle incidents, though there were multiple instances where two or more units were deployed at the same time—demonstrating the need for flexibility and resource coordination during higher-demand situations.

Fire responses varied in nature, including hazardous situations, non-emergency calls, public service calls, rescues, and EMS assists. This range reflects the evolving role of the fire service in supporting both emergency and community needs.

Overall, March activity underscores the continued reliability and responsiveness of Marshfield's public safety teams, as well as the importance of ongoing investment in training, prevention, and operational readiness.

Council Preview: April 14 Common Council Meeting

The City of Marshfield is preparing for the upcoming Common Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14. Following a three-week break since the last regular meeting, the agenda includes a wide range of items reflecting ongoing City operations, planning efforts, and community initiatives.



One of the highlights of the meeting will be a mayoral proclamation recognizing Arbor Day. The annual event continues to be an important part of Marshfield's commitment to forestry and maintaining its designation as a Tree City. Residents are encouraged to attend the Arbor Day celebration, where local students participate in activities and tree planting efforts that contribute to the long-term health and beauty of the community.

The City Administrator will provide updates on several operational items, including ongoing work to determine potential reimbursement for recent snowstorm response costs. Additionally, the Council will review scheduling details for April 21, which will include the swearing-in of newly elected officials and multiple committee meetings throughout the evening.

Several policy items developed through the Communications Committee will be presented as part of the consent agenda. These include updates to community announcements, social media, community media and official

City communication policies. The purpose of these updates is to provide clearer structure and transparency around how information is shared, ensuring residents can easily understand what content is official City communication and what is community-submitted material.

- Additional agenda items include:
- A recommendation to renew

- annual funding support for the fairgrounds through a continued partnership with Wood County.
- Authorization to move forward with a state-supported roadway improvement project on Veterans Parkway, with significant cost participation from the State.
 - Approval of a budget resolution to carry forward donated funds for Fire Department equipment and specialized response capabilities.
 - Continued progress on improvements at Columbia Park, supported in part by a recent private donation to enhance the band shell area.
 - Discussion on funding for the Community Development Director position to support ongoing planning and growth efforts.
 - Consideration of next steps in the City's strategic planning process, including review of priorities identified through recent planning sessions.

Attend the Tuesday, April 14, 2026, meeting in person or watch live through the City's Government Channel. Public participation and awareness remain an important part of

the City's commitment to transparency and engagement.

Ice Cream & Dessert Social Returns Monthly

The Marshfield Senior Citizen Council invites community members to attend its monthly Ice Cream & Dessert Social, held on the third Monday of each month from April through October.

This relaxed, community-focused gathering offers an opportunity to connect with others while enjoying light refreshments and live music.



- Event Details:
- Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 - Cost: \$3 per person
 - Location: 2nd Street Community Center

Each event includes a scoop of ice cream, a dessert, coffee, and live ukulele music in a welcoming, social environment.

Residents of all ages are encouraged to attend and take part in this ongoing community tradition.



Marshfield Extends Application Deadline for Boards, Committees, and Commissions

The City of Marshfield has extended the application deadline for residents interested in serving on City boards, committees, and commissions. Community members now have until Monday, April 14, 2026, to submit a letter of interest to the City Clerk outlining their qualifications and reasons for applying.



These positions provide residents with an opportunity to take an active role in local government and contribute to decisions that shape the future of Marshfield.

Appointments will be made following the Spring Election in accordance with City procedures, with recommendations brought forward to the Common Council for confirmation.

Park & Recreation Committee Meeting Update from April 8, 2026

The Park & Recreation Committee reviewed budget considerations and their potential impact on community programs, facilities, and partnerships at its meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at the Community Center.

Community Group Storage Discussion During public comment, a

representative of the Marshfield Civic Band addressed a proposed storage fee for use of space at the Oak Avenue Community Center. The Civic Band has operated in Marshfield since 1895 and provides free concerts to the community. The group currently relies on donations for ongoing operations. The proposed annual storage cost of approximately \$1,700 was identified as a potential financial challenge for the organization.

Committee Review of Budget Options
The Committee has been evaluating approaches to address budget pressures while maintaining core services. Options under consideration include:
Reducing services, including potential impacts to park operations
Identifying additional revenue sources
The Committee indicated a preference for maintaining park access and avoiding reductions in neighborhood park services.

As part of this effort, the Committee has:
Discontinued the practice of waiving certain facility rental fees
Reviewed additional revenue opportunities, including storage use within City facilities

The Committee also recognized the



role and value of community-based organizations operating within City facilities.

Status of Storage Fee Proposal

At this time:
No action has been approved to implement storage fees
A previous motion did not advance
The proposal is not currently adopted as policy

Funding Considerations
The discussion included broader considerations related to:
Local funding limitations
State shared revenue structures
Long-term sustainability of services and facilities
City staff and committee members noted that budget decisions require balancing available resources with the need to maintain service levels across the community.

Parks and Recreation Operations Update

The Committee received updates on ongoing operations and seasonal preparation efforts. Key updates include:
Continued forestry operations, including pruning, hazard removal, and replanting.

Ongoing response to emerald ash borer, including the removal of approximately 2,000 ash trees in Braem Park over a five-year period.

Annual tree planting efforts exceeding 100 trees, including community-supported planting initiatives.

Seasonal preparations are underway across the department, including:
Field and facility preparation for spring and summer use.

Recreation programming, including leagues, senior services, and upcoming summer activities, Zoo operations and community events.

Next Steps

The Committee has completed its review of this topic. Any future action related to storage fees or facility use will be considered by the Common Council. Residents and organizations are encouraged to remain engaged in the process.

Producers Channel 989								
	Monday 4-13-2026	Tuesday 4-14-2026	Wednesday 4-15-2026	Thursday 4-16-2026	Friday 4-17-2026	Saturday 4-18-2026	Sunday 4-19-2026	Monday 4-20-2026
12:30:00 AM								
1:00:00 AM						Chiller Night Theatre	Chiller Night Theatre	
1:30:00 AM								
2:00:00 AM	Producers Pick	Producers Pick	Producers Pick	Producers Pick	Producers Pick			Producers Pick
2:30:00 AM								
3:00:00 AM						Lord Blood Rahs Theatre	Lord Blood Rahs Theatre	
3:30:00 AM								
4:00:00 AM	Science Series	Science Series	Science Series	Science Series	Science Series			Science Series
4:30:00 AM								
5:00:00 AM						Science 360	Science 360	
5:30:00 AM								
6:00:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka
6:30:00 AM	Get Healthy With Holly	Get Healthy With Holly	Get Healthy With Holly	Get Healthy With Holly	Get Healthy With Holly	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Get Healthy With Holly
7:00:00 AM	Kims Art Show	Kims Art Show	Kims Art Show	Kims Art Show	Kims Art Show	Lights, Camera, Polka	1st Presbyterian	Yoga For Health
7:30:00 AM	Two Grannies on the road	Vibrant Living Series	Two Grannies on the road	Vibrant Living Series	Two Grannies on the road	Lights, Camera, Polka		Dacey's Divas
8:00:00 AM	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Lights, Camera, Polka		Brethren Voices
8:30:00 AM	Meet The Author	Science 360	Meet The Author	Science 360	Meet The Author	Lights, Camera, Polka	Catholic Diocese of Burlington	Two Grannys on the road
9:00:00 AM	Peak Moments	Peak Moments	Peak Moments	Peak Moments	Peak moments	Lights, Camera, Polka	East Gate	Vibrant Living Series
9:30:00 AM						Lights, Camera, Polka		
10:00:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka		Lights, Camera, Polka
10:30:00 AM	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	TV Mass	Lights, Camera, Polka
11:00:00 AM	TV Mass	1st Presbyterian	East Gate	Christ Lutheran	Faith Lutheran	Lights, Camera, Polka	Christ Lutheran	TV Mass
11:30:00 AM	Faith Lutheran					Lights, Camera, Polka		Faith Lutheran
12:00 PM				1st Presbyterian		Lights, Camera, Polka	Faith Lutheran	
12:30:00 PM		Christ Lutheran	Calvary Bible		Immanuel Lutheran	Lights, Camera, Polka		
1:00:00 PM	East Gate					Lights, Camera, Polka		East Gate
1:30:00 PM		Immanuel Lutheran		It's Happening Classics		Lights, Camera, Polka	Calvary Bible	
2:00:00 PM					Good Shepherd	Lights, Camera, Polka		
2:30:00 PM	Small Factory		Small Factory			Lights, Camera, Polka	Immanuel Lutheran	Small Factory
3:00:00 PM	Cosettes Enchanted Journey	Good Shepherd	Cosettes Enchanted Journey	Cosettes Enchanted Journey	Cosettes Enchanted Journey	The Hidden Truth		Cosettes Enchanted Journey
3:30:00 PM	The Childrens Corner		The Childrens Corner	The Childrens Corner	The Childrens Corner			The Childrens Corner
4:00:00 PM	Sing A Long With Ms. Miriam	Starcade	It's Happening Classics	Sing A Long With Ms. Miriam	Starcade		Good Shepherd	Peak Moments
4:30:00 PM								Meer The Author
5:00:00 PM	Sister In Arms	Sister In Arms	Sister in Arms	Sister in Arms	Sister In Arms		Gay USA	Sister In Arms
5:30:00 PM	It's Happening Classics	World War I And II History	World War I and II History	World War I and II History	Calvary Bible			It's Happening Classics
6:00:00 PM		Paltrocast	Paltrocast	Paltrocast		Paltrocast	Everything LGBTQ	
6:30:00 PM		Sidewalks Entertainment	Sidewalks Entertainment	Sidewalks Entertainment	Sidewalks Entertainment	Sidewalks Entertainment		
7:00:00 PM	NOWi		Ragtime All That Jazz			Ragtime All That Jazz	Open Mic Night April 2026	NOWi
7:30:00 PM	Arts Alive							Arts Alive
8:00:00 PM	Mo Jazz						Artist Mary Jo Fox	Mo Jazz
8:30:00 PM							No Kings Protest 2026	
9:00:00 PM	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight	Mikes Music Spotlight
9:30:00 PM								
10:00:00 PM	Rock N Roll Video Show	Bongo Music	Rock N Roll Video Show	Bongo Music	Rock N Roll Video Show	Saturday Night at The Movies	Late Night Movies	Open Mic Poetry
10:30:00 PM	Open Mic Poetry	Bongo Music	Open Mic Poetry	Bongo Music	Open Mic Poetry			
11:00:00 PM	Frack The Canon	Frack The Canon	Frack The Canon	Frack The Canon	Music Videos			Bongo Music
11:30:00 PM	Ben And Kelly	Ben And Kelly	Ben And Kelly	Ben And Kelly	Music Videos			Bongo Music
12:00 AM	Classic Night Movies	Classic Night Movies	Classic Night Movies	Classic Night Movies	Classic Night Movies			Classic Night Movies

Marshfield Senior Center

Milwaukee Brewers Bus Trip



**Milwaukee
Brewers**



**Cleveland
Guardians**

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

\$85 PER PERSON

OPEN TO ADULTS AGES 55 AND OLDER

Grab your Brewers gear and join us for a fun day at the ballpark! We're heading to American Family Field to watch the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Cleveland Guardians.

We'll depart from the Oak Ave Community Center at 7:15 a.m. for the 1:10 p.m. game, and plan to return around 8:00 p.m.

Your trip fee covers all the bases: game ticket, a relaxing motorcoach bus ride, and a classic tailgate meal with a sandwich, chips, and soda or water. We will not be making any stops on the way home, so you're welcome to grab dinner at the ballpark before we depart or bring a small cooler or bag with additional drinks or snacks.

Seats are limited, so sign-up online or at the Parks & Recreation Office today. Please note: no refunds after May 1st. Registration ends May 14th.