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CITY OF MARSHFIELD RECOGNIZES MARSHFIELD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL OCEAN BOWL, TEAM, AND COACH

The City of Marshfield recognized the outstanding achievements of the Marshfield Senior High School Ocean Bowl Team and Coach Paul Herder during a recent City Council meeting with an official mayoral proclamation.



The proclamation highlights the long-standing success of the Marshfield Ocean Bowl program, which competes in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, a nationwide academic competition where high school students test their knowledge of oceanography and related sciences, including marine biology, chemistry, geology, physics, and environmental science.

Marshfield Senior High School has won the Lake Sturgeon Bowl, Wisconsin's regional competition for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl, 17 times, earning the opportunity to compete at the

national level. The program has also achieved four National Championships in 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012, along with several additional national top-four finishes.

For more than 25 years, the program has inspired generations of students to pursue excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) while bringing national recognition to the City of Marshfield and the State of Wisconsin.

Mayor Lois TeStrake presented the proclamation to recognize the dedication of Coach Herder and the accomplishments of the students who have participated in the program.

HILLSIDE CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP REMINDER

The City of Marshfield is reminding residents that all winter decorations, containers, and other adornments at Hillside Cemetery must be removed by Wednesday, April 1, 2026, as part of the annual spring clean-up process.

Cemetery staff will begin discarding any remaining items starting April 1.

Summer decorations may be placed beginning Saturday, April 11, 2026. All decorations must be placed on or in line with headstones, including to the side of the stone, and must not obstruct cemetery maintenance.

Residents are strongly encouraged not to leave items of significant monetary or sentimental value on cemetery grounds. The City cannot guarantee such items will not be lost, stolen, damaged, or removed.

For a complete list of cemetery rules, as

well as fall and spring clean-up dates, visit the Hillside Cemetery page link located at the bottom on the article.

For questions, contact the cemetery office at 715-486-2098 or email hilltop@cityofmarshfieldwi.gov.

JOIN THE CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Marshfield Police Department is now accepting applications for its upcoming Citizens Police Academy, an eight-week program that offers residents a behind-the-scenes look at local law enforcement.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning April 8, 2026, and running through May 27, 2026.



Live Broadcast

GOVERNMENT MEETINGS WEEK OF March 16 - 20

Tuesday, March 17

•4:45 pm: Judiciary & License Committee

•5:15 pm: Finance, Budget & Personnel Committee

•6:15 pm: Board of Public Works

•7:00 pm: Plan Commission

Chestnut Center for the Arts seeks donations for wheelchair lifts to improve accessibility



By David Murchland - Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD, Wis. — The Chestnut Center for the Arts is seeking community donations to help fund wheelchair lifts for the lower-level ballroom of its historic church building, saying the project is needed to improve accessibility for events and programs.

Edei Smazal, programming director for the Chestnut Center for the Arts, said the ballroom area is not currently wheelchair accessible and the center is pursuing grants and additional fundraising to pay for the upgrades.

“We’re looking at some major amount of money,” Smazal said, adding that donors can earmark contributions for “handicapped accessibility.”

The need was highlighted during a recent Frontline Pro Wrestling event in the ballroom, when staff and others had to carry a man in a wheelchair down the steps, Smazal said. A lift would allow more people to attend lower-level events without that barrier.

The center said donations can be made by check to the Chestnut Center, P.O. Box 613, with a note that the gift is for accessibility improvements. The organization said it can provide tax information for donors.

The center said it already has a lift serving the main lobby and upper level, allowing access to classes, performances

and other events, but it does not yet have a comparable system for the lower level.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD TO OFFER PET LICENSING AT UPCOMING PET CLINIC

The City of Marshfield reminds residents that dogs kept within city limits must be licensed annually under City ordinance. To assist residents with compliance, a City ordinance officer will be on site during the upcoming pet clinic hosted by the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter to issue pet license



Dogs kept within the City of Marshfield must be licensed annually. A valid rabies vaccination certificate is required to obtain a license, consistent with City ordinance and Wisconsin state law. Failure to license a dog as required may result in citations or penalties under the City ordinance.

Residents will have the opportunity to obtain or renew their City pet licenses during the upcoming clinic:

- Saturday, March 21
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Lang Building – Marshfield Fairgrounds

A City ordinance officer will be present to assist residents with licensing and answer questions about City pet licensing requirements.

The pet clinic, organized by the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter, will also offer the following services:

- Rabies vaccinations – \$20 (includes a free microchip)
- Microchips – \$15 (includes registration with 24PetWatch)

Pets must have a current rabies vaccination in order to obtain a City license. Residents who need to update their pet’s vaccination will be able to do so during the clinic before licensing.

Pet licensing helps the City’s ordinance officer and animal control staff identify pets and return them to their owners more quickly if they become lost. Licensing also ensures pets are properly vaccinated to protect both animals and the community.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure their pets are properly vaccinated and licensed as required by City ordinance.

IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING FOR APRIL 7 ELECTION BEGINS MARCH 24 AT MARSHFIELD CITY HALL

The City of Marshfield reminds residents that in-person absentee voting for the April 7, 2026, Spring Election will be available at Marshfield City Hall beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

In-person absentee voting will be held during the following hours:

- March 24 – April 3, 2026
- Monday – Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Friday: 7:30 a.m. to Noon

Residents wishing to vote absentee in person should report to City Hall during the designated hours.

The Spring Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

For questions about voting or absentee ballots, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at 715-384-3636

MARSHFIELD PARKS & RECREATION TO HOST 5TH 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.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW AT CITY HALL THIS WEEK

Several City committees will meet on Tuesday, March 17, at City Hall to review items related to public works, community development, city operations, and staffing. Below are a few topics residents may want to be aware of.

1. Historic Band Shell Restoration Discussion

The Board of Public Works will review a proposal to begin evaluating restoration options for the Columbia Park Band Shell, a historic structure built in 1931 that has hosted concerts and community events for decades.

The proposal would authorize an architectural firm to study the structure and develop design concepts for potential restoration and improvements. The project is supported by community fundraising efforts



currently underway.

2. Proposed Storage Facility on South Maple Avenue

The Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on a request to develop a personal storage facility at 2405 South Maple Avenue.

The proposal includes two storage buildings totaling approximately 15,500 square feet and a request for an exception to certain landscaping and screening requirements along nearby residential property lines.

3. Staffing and Policy Items

The Finance, Budget, and Personnel Committee will review several

- administrative items, including:
- Funding related to a Fire Department utility vehicle
- Police Department staffing, including filling a vacant officer position
- Oak Avenue rental agreements connected to Parks & Recreation programming
- Updates to the Event and Program Coordinator job description
- Proposed revisions to the City's Voluntary Resignation policy

Watching the Meetings

Residents may attend meetings in person at City Hall or watch live on:

- Charter Spectrum Channel 991

- Marshfield Broadcasting app on Roku, Amazon Fire TV, and Apple TV

- Marshfield Broadcasting mobile app for Android and IOS.

- Marshfieldbroadcasting.com

MARSHFIELD FIRE & RESCUE OPENS "FLASH POINT" EXPERIENCE TO COMMUNITY ADULTS

The Marshfield Fire & Rescue Department is opening its Flash Point program to adults from Marshfield and surrounding communities following strong interest in the event.

Flash Point is a one-day experience that offers participants a behind-the-scenes look at how firefighters and paramedics respond to emergencies. Attendees will see demonstrations, participate in hands-on skill stations, tour the department's facilities, and learn more about how Fire and EMS operations serve the community.



February was 9.8, reflecting the steady demand for emergency services in Marshfield.

and emergency response efforts are essential to keeping the Marshfield community safe.

Some of the busiest days of the month were February 13 (17 calls), February 1 (15 calls), and February 12 (14 calls).

REMINDER ON TRASH AND RECYCLING CART PLACEMENT

The City of Marshfield is reminding residents about the proper placement of trash and recycling carts to help ensure efficient collection by the City's contracted waste and recycling service provider.

In addition to emergency response, the department completed 136 fire inspections during the month, helping ensure buildings throughout the community meet fire safety standards.

Firefighters and paramedics also logged 959 hours of training, maintaining the skills and readiness required to respond to a wide range of emergencies.



Residents should follow these placement guidelines when setting carts out for pickup:

- Place carts curbside the night before collection or before 6 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day.
- Leave at least 5 feet of space between carts and other objects, including mailboxes, vehicles, trees, or the second cart.
- Position the cart with the lid opening facing the street and the wheels facing your home.



The program will be held:

- Date: April 11
- Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Marshfield Fire & Rescue Department

MARSHFIELD FIRE & RESCUE RESPONDS TO 291 CALLS IN FEBRUARY



February 2026

28 FIRE RESPONSES

(Fire engine responds for Fire/EMS calls)

Busiest Days of February

1. 17 calls on February 13th
2. 15 calls on February 1st
3. 14 calls on February 12th

136 Fire Inspections Completed

263 EMS RESPONSES

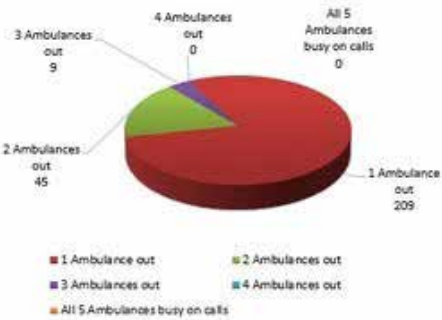
(Ambulance responds for medical call)

Average Calls per Day

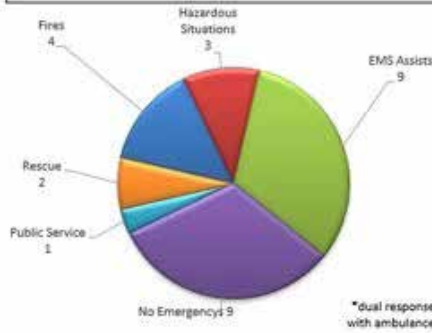
9.8
273 Calls for service

959 hours of Training Completed

Concurrent Call (Multiple ambulances out at once)



Types of Fire Response



Marshfield Fire & Rescue remained busy throughout February, responding to 291 calls for service, including 263 EMS responses and 28 fire responses. The department continues to provide both emergency medical and fire protection services across the community.

The majority of February responses involved emergency medical calls, which account for the largest share of the department's workload. Crews also responded to a variety of other incidents, including rescues, hazardous situations, public service calls, and fire-related emergencies.

City officials note that the department's continued training, inspection work,

The average number of calls per day in

Producers Channel 989								
	Monday 3-16-2026	Tuesday 3-17-2026	Wednesday 3-18-2026	Thursday 3-19-2026	Friday 3-20-2026	Saturday 3-21-2026	Sunday 3-22-2026	Monday 3-23-2026
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 360	Science Series	Science 360	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	Food For Thought	Get Healthy With Holly	Get Healthy With Holly	Lights, Camera, Polka	Lights, Camera, Polka	Get Healthy With Holly
7:00:00 AM	Yoga For Health	Yoga For Health	Yoga For Health	Yoga For Health	Yoga For Health	Lights, Camera, Polka	1st Presbyterian	Yoga For Health
7:30:00 AM	Daceys Divas	Daceys Divas	Daceys Divas	Daceys Divas	Daceys Divas	Lights, Camera, Polka		Daceys Divas
8:00:00 AM	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Brethren Voices	Lights, Camera, Polka		Brethren Voices
8:30:00 AM	Two Grannys on the road	Two Grannys on the road	Two Grannys on the road	Science 360	Two Grannys on the road	Lights, Camera, Polka	Catholic Diocese of Burlington	Two Grannys on the road
9:00:00 AM	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	Vibrant Living Series	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	Peak Moments	Peak Moments	It's Happening Classics	Peak Moments	Peak Moments	Christ In The Passover	Good Shepherd	Peak Moments
4:30:00 PM	Meet The Author	Meet The Author		Meet The Author	Meet The Author			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	Messy Monets Winter Art Show 2026		It's Happening Classics
6:00:00 PM		Paltrocast	Paltrocast	Paltrocast		Artist Mary Jo Fox	Everything LGBTQ	
6:30:00 PM		Sidewalks Entertainment	Sidewalks Entertainment	Artist Mary Jo Fox	Sidewalks Entertainment	Goin Vinyl		
7:00:00 PM	NOWi	Artist Mary Jo Fox	Christ In The Passover	Open Mic Night March '26	NOWi	Ragtime All That Jazz	Open Mic Night March '26	NOWi
7:30:00 PM	Arts Alive	Messy Monets Winter Art Show 2026			Arts Alive			Arts Alive
8:00:00 PM	Mo Jazz				Mo Jazz	Toni G Psychic Medium		Mo Jazz
8:30:00 PM			Messy Monets Winter Art Show 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	Late Night 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



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF MARSHFIELD**

BREAKFAST WITH A PURPOSE!

A bright orange sun with rays is positioned behind the text. The rays are thin lines radiating outwards from the sun.

Breakfast For BGC

Join our community breakfast in support of the Boys & Girls Club of Marshfield and help fuel safe spaces, mentorship, and opportunities for local youth.

**RISE AND SHINE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 17
8:30 AM-11:30 AM**

**RiverEdge Golf Course & Banquet Facility
10191 Mill Creek Drive, Marshfield, WI 54449**