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ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD RECOGNITION WEEK IS BEING OBSERVED IN MARSHFIELD FROM JANUARY 19-23

By Tom Loucks/
Communications Director

For more than 50 years, adult school crossing guards have played a vital role in keeping children safe as they travel between home and school. Rain, snow, cold temperatures, and heavy traffic don't stop these dedicated individuals from showing up day after



day to protect our youngest pedestrians.

Their presence helps reduce pedestrian injuries, reinforces safe street-crossing habits for students, and supports school safety patrols throughout the community.

The City of Marshfield thanks our crossing guards for their commitment and encourages residents to share their appreciation for the important, life-saving work they do.

Mayor Lois TeStrake will read a proclamation recognizing the crossing guards at the Tuesday, January 27, 2026, Council meeting.

TAX REMINDER

By Tom Loucks/
Communications Director

Property tax Installment 1 payments for the City of Marshfield are due January 31, 2026.



Please note: The U.S. Postal Service has changed its mail postmarking processes. It's no longer the date that USPS first touches it. It's stamped at the sorting centers. If property owners wait until the last minute (for example, the last week in January), then some of the mail might be postmarked after January. If the letter is postmarked after January, the payment is considered delinquent.

To avoid delays or penalties, we strongly recommend mailing payments early and planning ahead.

CITY ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR THE SALE OF ASH TREE LOGS

Provided by Public Works

The City of Marshfield is accepting sealed bids for the sale of ash tree logs located in the southern portion of Braem Park along East Grant Street.

Bids must be submitted to City Hall, 207 W. 6th Street, by 4:00

p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Bids will be opened immediately thereafter and publicly read in the Public Conference Room.

The ash logs may be viewed beginning January 31, 2026. Bids will be accepted on a per-pile basis, and all logs must be removed by the end of the day on March 1, 2026. Cutting of logs within the park will not be permitted.



seeds, dried fruit, mealworms, and select pantry items. The Zoo also accepts a variety of supplies, including gallon-size bags, cardboard boxes (no tape or glue), pinecones, newspapers, garden hoses, and cleaning supplies. Pork products, seasoned items, or heavily freezer-burned food cannot be accepted.



Donations may be dropped off daily from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the staff building near the bear exhibit. An Amazon wish list is also available for direct shipping of enrichment items.

Community support helps care for the animals and supports Zoo staff, and donations may be designated to specific animals upon request.

Conditions of Sale and Bid Forms are available at City Hall or through the Street Division.

For more information and to view this and other opportunities, visit the City's Bids, RFPs, and Quotes page. Questions may be directed to City Hall at 715-486-2034 or the Street Division at 715-486-2081.

SUPPORT THE ZOO: DONATIONS WELCOME

By Tom Loucks/Communications Director

Wildwood Zoo has received many inquiries about how residents can help support animal care and enrichment. Donations of approved food items and supplies are welcome.

Accepted food donations include unseasoned beef, chicken or turkey, salmon, tuna, venison, eggs, nuts,



Live Broadcast

Monday, January 27
6:00 pm - Common Council

HAMUS PARK ICE TRAIL COMING SOON

By Tom Loucks/
Communications Director

The City of Marshfield Parks staff have been busy at Hamus Park, working on an exciting new ice trail that will loop around the pond. This unique winter feature will offer residents another fun way to



enjoy the outdoors during the colder months.

Construction is weather-dependent, and the Parks and Recreation Department will announce an opening date as soon as conditions allow and the trail is ready for safe use. In the meantime, residents are asked to please stay clear of equipment and any slippery areas while work continues.

WINTER PARKING REMINDER: HELP KEEP STREETS CLEAR

By Tom Loucks/
Communications Director

To support snowplowing, ice control, and emergency access during winter weather, the City of Marshfield reminds residents of seasonal parking restrictions.

From November 1 through April 30, parking is not allowed on any city street

between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This overnight restriction helps Public Works crews safely and efficiently clear



snow and ice from roadways.

Parking in city-owned parking lots is also prohibited overnight between 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Reviews Draft Citywide Procurement Policy

Tuesday, Jan. 20 — The city's Finance, Budget and Personnel Committee reviewed a draft overhaul of its procurement policy Tuesday night, marking what several officials described as a significant step toward improving transparency, accountability, and financial oversight in how the city purchases goods and services. Finance Director Jennifer

Selenske presented the revised policy, which consolidates and replaces two existing policies governing procurement of goods, services, and professional services. The proposal establishes a uniform, citywide framework intended to ensure competitive purchasing, responsible stewardship of public funds, and compliance with state, federal, and local laws, including federal regulations governing grant-funded purchases.

Selenske emphasized that the draft was presented for feedback only and not for approval. "I'm looking for feedback that overall

the policy aligns with your expectations, that it's presented logically and easy to follow, and that it covers everything on your mental checklist," she told the committee.

Key Policy Changes

Under the draft policy, department heads, with approval from the city administrator, would be authorized to purchase goods and services up to \$25,000 annually and professional services up to \$15,000 annually, provided the purchases are budgeted and meet competitive requirements. Larger purchases would require escalating levels of review, including committee and Common Council approval for higher-dollar contracts.

The policy outlines clear purchasing thresholds:

- Purchases under \$10,000 would require only department head approval.
- Purchases between \$10,000 and \$25,000 would require written quotes and administrative approval.
- Purchases exceeding \$25,000 would require committee and council approval, with sealed bids required for purchases over \$50,000.

Professional services would generally encourage competitive requests for proposals, with council approval required for contracts exceeding \$50,000.

Certain services — including legal counsel, insurance, and municipal advisory services — were identified as potential exemptions, a provision that prompted extended committee discussion. Oversight and Ethics Provisions. The draft policy also reinforces ethical standards, including prohibitions against splitting

purchases to avoid approval thresholds, restrictions on accepting gifts from vendors, and requirements to avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest. Vendors must not be delinquent or debarred, and confidentiality must be maintained during procurement processes while still complying with Wisconsin's open records law.

Unauthorized purchases could result in disciplinary action or personal liability, according to the policy. Contracts would not be binding unless signed by authorized officials, with the mayor retaining statutory authority to sign contracts unless otherwise authorized by the council.

Committee Feedback

Several committee members praised the draft as a major improvement. "This is a huge step forward," one member said, thanking Selenske for the work put into the revision.

Committee members also raised questions about how often exempted services such as insurance brokerage should be competitively bid, with suggestions ranging from periodic reviews every five years to more frequent evaluations depending on cost increases. Others emphasized the importance of ensuring local vendors are aware of bidding opportunities and have a fair chance to compete.

Selenske said staff already posts requests for proposals and bids on the city's website but acknowledged that outreach and communication could be improved to better inform local businesses.

Next Steps

Selenske indicated that feedback from the committee would be incorporated into

a revised draft before the policy returns for formal consideration. The committee took no action on the policy Tuesday night. The meeting concluded with no items added for future agendas, and the committee adjourned following a unanimous vote.

Faith Meyers Highlights Oversight, Transparency in Marshfield School Board Bid

By David Ballerstein -
Marshfield Now!

MARSHFIELD — Attorney and parent Faith Meyers is seeking a seat on the Marshfield School Board, citing a commitment to clear governance, responsible budgeting, and improved communication between the district and the community.

Meyers, who has lived in Marshfield since 2018, is the parent of three children currently enrolled across the district's elementary, middle, and high schools. During a recent "Get to Know" interview, she said her decision to run was driven by a desire to strengthen public understanding of how school board decisions are made and to reduce misinformation surrounding district operations

"I care deeply about public education and about making sure our community understands how our schools actually function and how decisions are made," Meyers said.

Background in Law and Education

Professionally, Meyers is an attorney and the owner of Meyers Family Law. Her background also includes

direct experience within the school system, having worked as a special education assistant at the high school level and as a substitute teacher while attending law school. She has also been active as a volunteer through the Grant Elementary PTO and district referendums.

Meyers said those experiences give her a multifaceted view of the district — as a parent, educator, and policy professional.

"As an attorney, I'm trained to read policy carefully, ask the right questions, and make decisions based on facts, not emotion," she said

Emphasis on Board Oversight



Meyers repeatedly emphasized that she views the school board's primary responsibility as oversight rather than day-to-day management. She said the board should focus on setting policy, approving budgets, establishing long-term goals, and evaluating the superintendent, while leaving operational decisions to district administrators.

"When a board member stays focused on oversight and the administrative team stays focused on management, accountability is clearer and decisions are more consistent," she said

She also expressed interest in spending time in schools if elected, noting that

understanding classroom environments firsthand can inform better policy decisions.

Priorities: Trust, Academics, and Student Well-Being

If elected, Meyers said her top priorities would include strengthening trust between the district and the community, maintaining strong academic standards, and supporting student well-being.

She pointed to open board meetings and publicly available materials as evidence of transparency, but said accessibility and clarity remain challenges.

"Simply making information available doesn't always mean it's easily understood," she said, adding that improved communication could help residents feel

more informed and connected to district decisions

Meyers also highlighted the importance of extracurricular activities in supporting both academic success and student mental health, noting her own children's involvement in programs ranging from music and robotics to student government and academic competitions.

Budgeting and Stewardship

On fiscal issues, Meyers said she would approach budgeting with "stewardship and accountability," emphasizing long-term sustainability and student outcomes over short-term solutions.

She praised the district's

recent efforts to reduce costs without cutting programs, citing a technology leasing decision that is expected to lower annual expenses. At the same time, she said community understanding of school finance is critical when weighing spending decisions against tax impacts.

"When the community understands how the district is funded and what the real impacts of budget decisions are, it leads to better outcomes for everyone," she said

Leadership and Decision-Making

Drawing from her legal career, Meyers said she is accustomed to navigating high-conflict situations and making decisions without perfect outcomes. She said that experience has reinforced the importance of process, clarity, and long-term thinking — skills she believes translate directly to school board service.

Asked why voters should trust her, Meyers pointed to her combined experience as a parent, educator, and attorney, as well as her respect for the distinct roles of the board and district administration.

"My goal is to move the district forward in a constructive way, build on its strengths, and keep students at the center of every decision," she said

The interview was part of Marshfield Broadcasting's ongoing effort to provide voters with general information about local candidates. The station does not endorse any candidate or political party.

NEW PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE TO WATCH ON MARSHFIELD BROADCASTING

By Tom Loucks/
Communications Director

Marshfield Broadcasting produced several locally focused programs this past week, highlighting important community services, regional developments, and civic discussions.

Marshfield Now! Channel

Council Preview -
Communications Director Tom Loucks seeks information from City Administrator Steve Barg and Mayor Lois TeStrake regarding the upcoming Council meeting on January 27, 2026.

Get to Know Faith Meyers - Attorney and parent Faith Meyers is seeking a seat on the Marshfield School Board, citing a commitment to clear governance, responsible budgeting, and improved communication between the district and the community.

Get to Know Ben Will - Longtime educator and Marshfield native Ben Will is seeking a seat on the Marshfield School Board, emphasizing experience inside the district, fiscal responsibility, and a renewed focus on trust and communication between school leadership and the community.

Government Channel

Marshfield Utilities Meeting - The Marshfield Utilities Commission met Monday afternoon, January 19, 2026 to discuss governance issues ranging from dark fiber

pricing policy to leadership succession planning, while also recognizing a longtime employee and approving several infrastructure projects.

Finance Budget and Personnel Meeting - Discussion about a new procurement policy was presented by Finance Director Jennifer Selenski.

Board of Public Works Meeting - Discussed the approval of contracts for asphalt crushing and stockpiling, Chapter 19 variances, Back Nine Estates, mowing contract, a DOT agreement for connecting highways, and special assessments.

Producers Channel

Artist Denise Johnson, 2026 - The Chestnut Center for the Arts Gallery has a new exhibit showing from January 9th to February 27th. The artist is Denise Johnson. And the name for her show is "Turning Up The Heat: The Alchemy Of Flame and Color."

Local church services

Marshfield Broadcasting continues to provide timely, locally produced content that keeps residents informed about issues impacting the City of Marshfield and the surrounding area.

Please reach out to Marshfield Broadcasting at 715-207-0379 if you have programming or want to volunteer.



By Angie H - The Producers Channel

Denise Johnson is a contemporary artist working primarily with alcohol inks and beeswax on Corian, a non-porous surface typically used for countertops.

Her current collection includes 47 works that explore color, texture, and vibrational energy. Denise also developed Lines of Vibrational Energy (LOVE), a therapeutic drawing technique that promotes relaxation and well-being. With a 35-year background in hand-built clay work, she transitioned fully to painting in 2012, exhibiting across Florida, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

Her studio, Outer Space, serves as both a creative sanctuary and



a teaching space where she conducts workshops and inspires others to explore art as a form of self-expression.

Denise draws inspiration from nature, the quiet moments of the creative process, and a deep, intuitive connection to her work. Denise's exhibit is showing in The Gallery at The Chestnut Center for the Arts in Marshfield, January 9th through February 27th.

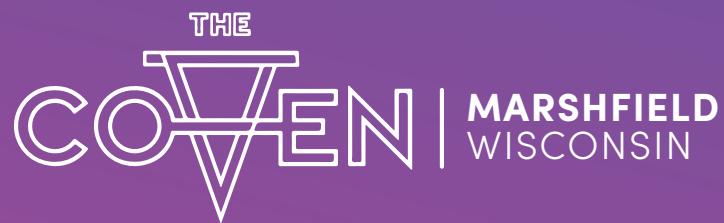


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| 12:30:00 AM | | | | | | | | |
| 1:00:00 AM | | | | | | Chiller Night Theatre | Chiller Night Theatre | |
| 1:30:00 AM | | | | | | | | |
| 2:00:00 AM | Producers Pick | | | Producers Pick |
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| 3:00:00 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 |
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| 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 |
| 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 | Lights, Camera, Polka | 1st Presbyterian | Yoga For Health |
| 7:30:00 AM | Daceys Divas | Lights, Camera, Polka | | Daceys Divas |
| 8:00:00 AM | 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 | 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 |
| 10:30:00 AM | 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 | Foltz Studio | Good Shepherd | Peak Moments |
| 4:30:00 PM | Meet The Author | Meet The Author | | Meet The Author | Meet The Author | | | Meet The Author |
| 5:00:00 PM | Sister In Arms | Denise Johnson 2026 | 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 | Denise Johnson 2026 | Sidewalks Entertainment | Denise Johnson 2026 | Goin Vinyl | | |
| 7:00:00 PM | NOWi | Mid-State Graduation 2025 | Ragtime All That Jazz | Mid-State Graduation 2025 | NOWi | Ragtime All That Jazz | Open Mic Night Dec 2025 | NOWi |
| 7:30:00 PM | Arts Alive | | | | Arts Alive | | | Arts Alive |
| 8:00:00 PM | Mo Jazz | | Mo Jazz | | Mo Jazz | Toni G Psychic Medium | | Mo Jazz |
| 8:30:00 PM | | | | | | | | |
| 9:00:00 PM | Mikes Music Spotlight | Mikes Music Spotlight | Mikes Music Spotlight | Mikes Music Spotlight |
| 9:30:00 PM | | | | | | | | |
| 10:00:00 PM | Bongo Music | 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 |

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Government Channel 991

Meeting times and dates may change from time of print of this guide. Go to ci.marshfield.wi.us for up to date meetings and time



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