
THE COUNCIL CORNER

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City Boat Launch

The City exchanged some property with NUCOR (Independence Tube) and has applied for a \$200,000 grant from IDNR (Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources) to install a city boat launch. This will be a great addition with regards to attracting more boaters and fishermen, which in turn brings more business to town. IDNR will announce the grant recipients in the spring. The project has been divided into two phases. Phase 1 is the development of the launch, docks, road, parking area and lighting. Phase 2 will consist of picnic area, playground equipment which will be handicap accessible, restroom facilities, and a pavilion. The city will also apply for grants for Phase 2.

River Walk Lights

For those of you who enjoy the River Walk, we have installed “after dark” lights around the bridge along the walkway. Make sure you ride by after dark and take a look!

From the Mayor’s Desk

With fall nearing, so is the completion of many projects with more planned for spring.

The flood levee at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant is nearing completion. The project was made possible by a 1.3-million-dollar grant with the city’s portion being approximately \$400,000. This was much needed and will prevent the city from having to sandbag the facility and “hoping for the best”.

The 1.6 million dollar long awaited Fillebrowne Street project is still on schedule for completion in the fall. The new 8” water main has been installed and crews are working on the new storm sewer which includes a water retention to help alleviate flooding of Rutland and Main Streets, which has occurred in the past.

A Concrete Box Culvert was installed at the west end of Young Street as part of our storm water management. The previous culvert was corrugated steel which had rusted and was damaged during a previous high-water incident.

City Comprehensive Plan

In accordance with the City Comprehensive Plan, we are aggressively pursuing water and sewer installation to the I-80 Corridor. We are presently looking at various finance options. I along with the City Engineer have already met with a prospective developer and are awaiting their final decision.

Following the City Comprehensive Plan, the City contracted a Marketing Specialist & Web Designer, Michelle Turner. Michelle will be providing and maintaining a completely redesigned website, additional social media pages to address tourism, real

What's Ahead

The Renaissance Faire

Saturday, Sept. 14th

10am - 6pm

655 Commercial St

Marseilles, IL

Marseilles Renaissance Faire, food, fun & frolic! Come spend the day with us and see all of our exciting entertainers, good food, and crafts for sale!

FREE ADMISSION

Donations Appreciated

For more information, visit Marseilles Renaissance Faire, Marseilles, IL on Facebook.

Marseilles American Legion

Pancake, Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Orange Juice & Coffee

Last Sunday every Month

8am - Noon

Adults: \$5.00

Children 12 and Under: \$3.50

ALL YOU CAN EAT !!!!!!!

Fall Rummage Sales Saturday
September 12th Rain or Shine

Sign up at City Hall. \$5.00 to be on Sales Map.

Sponsored by Marseilles Tourism & Park Committee

Seattle Sutton's Museum
September 15th 1-3 PM Marseilles
Nursing Service 100 Year
Celebration with Train Rides

estate/job opportunities in Marseilles, and central community events. The pages have been created and can be found on Facebook under, Visit Marseilles, IL, Opportunities in Marseilles, and Marseilles Happenings. The work Michelle has done with local businesses has already produced positive results and great feedback. Michelle is also a photographer and writer and will be helping Marseilles present in the best way possible. You may have noticed her pictures on the City of Marseilles Facebook page and the newly developed pages. She shows the best of Marseilles.

Michelle will be focusing heavily on business development and tourism. We have the Middle East Conflicts Wall Memorial, the only one of its kind, yet many people don't know it exists. We have low resident attendance to most of the town's events with many people stating that they were unaware of the events. Michelle worked closely with the Fun Days Committee this year to help with marketing and received very positive feedback with regards to residents being informed of all the activities.

Marseilles is not seeing the growth that many of our surrounding communities are. We have learned that every successful community relies heavily on marketing and maintains a current and ever-evolving marketing strategy. By redesigning the website and investing in marketing, along with other important projects, we are moving Marseilles in a positive direction. Let's build on the positive and let's do it together!

The city was awarded a Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) Grant for Phase I engineering & feasibility study for the Rutland Bratton Avenue Pedestrian Access and Destination Project. The Phase I process is almost completed and we will be applying for Phase II design within the next couple months.

Have you noticed when going through town the contractor building the hydro-plant has been working in the raceway doing the rehabilitation and preparing it once again to flow water?

We wish everyone a very happy and safe Labor Day weekend.