

The Council Corner

Mayor Jim Hollenbeck
July 2020



Letter From the Mayor

Dear Marseilles Residents,

As we now find ourselves halfway through the year with many challenges behind us, we are met with more as schools reopen and we continue to navigate through the phases of Restore Illinois. We have met these challenges and I have no doubt we will continue to do so, together.

Marseilles Elementary Schools' transition team is working hard to create a learning environment that is safe, productive, and COVID-19 compliant. They are currently gathering information in order to finalize the Return to School 20-21 plan and will release this information shortly. We would like to remind everyone that these plans can change as new guidelines are presented. We would also like to thank the M.E.S. staff, PTA, and volunteers who have made it possible for M.E.S. to continue serving their students in many important ways such as meals, support, and celebrations. Their commitment, creativity, and positivity continues and we have no doubt that they will make this school year the best it can be!

In times like these, we realize more than ever the importance of assistance and funding sources. The census is held every 10 years. That means that the results of this census will determine what support our community will get for the next 10 years. As of this writing, less than 65% of residents have completed the census. We are in a unique situation in that we are very close to the 5000 population level. If we fall below that, more resources will be lost. Marseilles will present as much smaller than it is and our resources will reflect that. As the numbers stand now, we will lose approximately \$24,500,000 in resources over the next 10 years. The census takes only a few minutes to fill-out and can be done online at www.my2020census.gov and by phone, 844-330-2020. If you have questions or need help, we urge you to call Marseilles City Hall at 815-795-2133.

As we move through the year we will continue to update you on events and community news. You can find these updates on our FaceBook page, City of Marseilles Illinois or on our website, www.cityofmarseilles.com.

Sincerely,
Mayor Hollenbeck

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Positive Results

Four homes have been approved for repairs and upgrades as part of the Housing Rehabilitation Grant. Construction should commence in August.

Marseilles Trivia

The first grocery store in Marseilles was opened in 1835 and was operated by William Whipple partner and brother in-law of Lovell Kimble. He peddled grocery product to farms by horse and wagon.

Safety Tips

For local alerts sign-up with Nixle at the link below. For those of you already registered but having trouble getting alerts, login to check that your information and preferences are correct. Check that your phone number, email, and location have been entered.

www.Nixle.com

Events

We are once again beginning to have events and fundraisers. Marseilles Lions Club, has the Thunder Raffle on Monday from 5-7 and Bingo on Thursdays 6:30 PM.

Shape the



of your community.

United States
Census
2020

Marseilles is at 64.5%. We need everyone counted! City loses \$1,400.00 a year for every person not counted. Please contact us if you need help completing the census!

Complete at:

my2020census.gov

844-330-2020



City Of Marseilles Initiative HELP US TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PROPERTY!

- All grass and weeds need to be cut to less than 10 inches.
- All bushes shrubs and trees should not block the public way (street, alley, sidewalks)
- All Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles need to be removed.
- Yards need to be kept clean and uncluttered from unnecessary items.
- Trash cans shall not be placed to the curbs until the eve of garbage pickup and shall be removed the day of garbage pickup.
- House addresses must be posted on the front of residence and be clearly visible in a contrasting color from the street.
- Burning of garbage and anything other than dry leaves and twigs is prohibited. (Refer to city burning ordinance).

These rules apply to property owners, land lords and tenants.

All of the aforementioned are subject to a minimum \$75.00.

Fines are progressive for repeat offenders.

To report a City Ordinance Violation email mpdordinance@gmail.com