

# The Council Corner

Mayor Jim Hollenbeck  
August 2020



## Letter From the Mayor

Dear Marseilles Residents,

August 10th, around 3 pm, winds of over 75 mph tore through the area snapping trees like matchsticks, some uprooted as if they were no more than common weeds, and with that damage came downed power lines and, for some, days without electricity. The cleanup continues for many areas and will likely for weeks to come. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

Just as quickly as this storm came in, so did the help when it left. Immediately, neighbors were checking on each other and removing branches and debris from the street and yards. Within minutes, chainsaws could be heard everywhere. Homeowners, neighbors, and city crews were out in full force.

I would like to thank our telecommunicators along with the Marseilles Police Department for their handling of the situation before, during, and after the storm. Thank you, Marseilles Fire Protection District, our local Boy Scouts, Miller's Tree Service, and Ameren for your quick responses and dedication to get the job done.

A special thank you to our Public Works Department who quickly assessed the situation and got crews on the street in record time.

Our city, our community, is strong and dedicated. We see it over and over during events like this.

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 66% 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](http://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](http://www.cityofmarseilles.com).

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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.

**Open to the public!** **Jackpot \$16,216.50**

Doors open at 5 pm!  
Drawing at 7 pm!

**50/50 Raffle Every Monday!**



Must be 21 or over to enter.

## 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](http://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. Fish Fry's on Friday.

## Shape the



## of your community.

United States  
Census  
2020

Marseilles is at 66.6 %. 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](http://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 tress 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](mailto:mpdordinance@gmail.com)