

MARSHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
“POLICE PLAIN TALK”
NOVEMBER 26, 2016

EXTENDED PARKING DOWNTOWN REQUIRES PARKING PERMITS

The City of Marshfield has several parking lots available for parking while shopping, working or living downtown. On-street parking downtown has timed parking, allowing customers to be able to park near the establishments they are visiting. Both on-street and parking in city lots is enforced by the police department.

For those employed by businesses or residing downtown, permit parking is required for extended parking in downtown Marshfield parking lots. The parking permits are available for purchase at the Marshfield Police Department (110 West 1st Street) Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Daytime, nighttime and tenant parking permits are available in many choices: weekly, monthly and annually. Parking violators are cited and receive a \$15 parking fine (handicap violations are \$100) which doubles after four business days. The cost of two parking tickets is more than the cost of a monthly parking permit, so it really is in one's best interest to obtain a parking permit. Should you have any questions about the locations of the parking lots or what type of parking permit would serve you best, please stop down during our business hours.

Here is a quick reminder about overnight parking restrictions in our city: Overnight parking on city streets or in any city-owned parking lot during the months of November through April is not permitted between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. There may be certain exceptions and permission will be granted at the discretion of the shift commander by calling Wood County Dispatch at 715-387-4394. However, no vehicles are permitted on city streets during a declared snow emergency.

For city-owned parking lots, a permit may be purchased at the police department to enable parking between these hours in designated areas only of specified city lots. The permit for all-night parking in a city-owned lot does NOT allow the holder of the permit to park the vehicle on the street during the night.

Parking regulations as stated above apply unless a street is otherwise signed or a snow emergency has been declared pursuant to Section 13-35(3) of the city's municipal code.

This ordinance was created for ease of street maintenance and snowplowing.

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511: ROAD REPORT/TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Dialing 511, using your landline and cell phone, provides you with free real-time road report and travel conditions. You can also access the 511 internet site at: www.511wi.gov/.

Below is a listing of other free three-digit resource numbers offered that you may want to keep posted next to your phone or on your cell phone directory.

- 211 United Way’s Information Resource & Referral
- 411 Telephone – Directory Assistance
- 511 Road Report/Travel Conditions
- 711 Wisconsin Relay Text Telephone (deaf to speech)
- 811 Digger’s Hotline
- 911 Emergency – Police, Fire & EMS

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SNOW EMERGENCY
SIDEWALKS CLEAR OF SNOW AND ICE
CITY SAND BOXES

Snow emergency: A “snow emergency” exists whenever there is an accumulation of snow of three or more inches during a 24-hour period, and such accumulation interferes with the ability of vehicles to travel safely in the City of Marshfield. A snow emergency continues in effect for 48 hours after the snowfall has ended and until the snow has been removed from the streets or until the emergency is cancelled by the director of public works.

During this time, parking on city streets and lots is prohibited, with the exception of the following locations but only after they have been plowed:

- Central Avenue from Harrison Street to 16th Street.
- Maple Avenue from Arnold Street to 6th Street.
- Chestnut Avenue from Arnold Street to 7th Street.
- 1st, 4th, 5th, and 6th Streets from Chestnut Avenue to Maple Avenue.
- 7th Street from Chestnut Avenue to Central Avenue.
- 2nd and 3rd Streets from Chestnut Avenue to Cedar Avenue.

Violations can result in a parking ticket and the towing of your vehicle. This ordinance allows our street maintenance crews to remove the snow safely and efficiently.

Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks: City ordinance states that it is the responsibility of owners of property abutting or containing public sidewalks to keep these sidewalks free from snow and ice accumulations at all times. The owner is responsible for removing or having removed all accumulations of snow and ice from the entire paved width and length of the sidewalks within 48 hours after snow or ice has fallen or accumulated thereon. In the case of drifting snow or of ice accumulating due to melting and refreezing, the owner shall keep all sidewalks sprinkled with sand or salt.

If the owner fails to comply, the city’s street superintendent may arrange for prompt removal or treatment of the ice and/or snow accumulations and may repeat removal or treatment procedures as often as necessary to maintain such sidewalks in a safe and usable condition. Any costs and expenses for removal or treatment shall be charged to the property owner.

City sand boxes: For your safety, the Marshfield street department provides sand, at no charge, to people residing within the city limits. These sand boxes are located at the following inter-sections:

14 th /Schmidt	5 th /Columbus
Upham/Walnut	11 th /Adams
St. Joseph/Upham	7 th /Chestnut
Becker/Peach	8 th /Peach
Doege/Peach	17 th /Felker
17 th /Palmetto	

Please use the sand economically by taking only the needed amount. A five-quart ice cream pail is recommended to transport the sand to your driveway and sidewalks.

When taking sand, you need to park your vehicle in a legal and safe parking area. (Sand is no longer available for pick up at the street department.)

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RESPONSIBLE DRINKING

During the holidays, we urge everyone to drink responsibly. Two out of five people will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives. If you have had too much to drink, coffee or cold showers won't sober you up. Only TIME can do that. To protect yourself and others, control your drinking by using the following tips:

- Eat to slow alcohol's effects. Avoid carbonated drinks—they speed up the effects.
- Alternate alcohol with non-alcoholic drinks.
- Alcohol is alcohol, no matter what form. A 12-ounce beer has as much alcohol as a 5-ounce glass of wine or a 1-1/2 ounce shot of hard liquor.
- If you drink, don't drive.
- Have a sober designated driver.

Use common sense when drinking. An evening's celebration is not worth the risk of injury or a costly drunken driving arrest.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

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CYBER AWARENESS:
LOST PHONE? BAD.
LOST DATA? WORSE.

If your smartphone or tablet is lost or stolen, you want to have a fighting chance at finding it or at least at wiping out any personal data before it is accessed by the wrong party. For this purpose, there are tracking applications either built in or available by download for all of the major mobile device operating systems.

If you are a Google Android user, your device includes Android Device Manager. Apple's devices include Find My iPhone. Using these features, you can remotely locate your device or lock or erase your device...but you need to make sure these features are active and properly set up before you run into trouble. Read up on these services and make sure they are running on your devices.

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CITIZENS’ POLICE ACADEMY

The Marshfield Police Department has revamped its citizen’s police academy program. We will be holding classes on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for six (6) consecutive weeks, starting in April. Class size is limited to 15 adults.

The goals of the citizens’ police academy are:

- To provide citizens a working knowledge of law enforcement operations, including support staff.
- To strengthen law enforcement/community relations.
- To obtain valued feedback from the community through citizen participation.
- To increase citizen knowledge about police functions.
- To enhance employee’s instructor training skills.

The above objectives are met with the use of hands-on interactive experiences in areas such as crime scene investigations; SWAT tactics; utilization of police department firearms at the police range; and observe firsthand how the K-9 unit performs its duties.

If you are interested in participating, please call Peggy at 384-0800 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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