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**“POLICE PLAIN TALK”**  
**APRIL 22, 2017**

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- Finding **Stolen Property**
- Identifying **Suspects**
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**PET WASTE AND GARBAGE**

Pet Waste

Most pets need exercise such as a brisk walk around the neighborhood. For safety reasons when walking your pet, it must be under your control while held on a leash.

It is a violation of city ordinance to leave your pet’s defecation on any property other than your own. The waste must be picked up immediately, and it must be disposed of in your garbage. There have been many complaints of sidewalks, city parks, wooded areas, bike and walking paths, and schoolyards containing animal waste. Not only is this unhealthy and unsanitary, but you should think of others who may want to play or walk where your pet has defecated. It is also important that pet owners keep their property clear of pet waste.

If you let your animal defecate on property other than your own, and it is not immediately picked up, the result may be a fine of \$124 for the first offense, and \$187 for a second offense.

Garbage

City residents are reminded that municipal code prohibits the unsightly accumulation of junk or garbage in your yard. Examples of this would be unlicensed/non-running vehicles, tires, appliances, and other unsightly debris.

Weekly garbage containers shall not be set out more than 12 hours prior to day of collection and shall be removed no later than 24 hours after collection. The penalty for this is \$187.

Let us all work together to show visitors the pride we have in our city.

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**MAY 6, 2017**

**POLICE MEMORIAL WEEK**

In 1963 President John Kennedy proclaimed May 15<sup>th</sup> of that year and each proceeding year as Peace Officer’s Memorial Day, and the week in which the date falls as National Police Week. This proclamation is to honor all officers killed in the line of duty and to give recognition to the dedicated service of the men and women in law enforcement today.

Annually, an average of 155 law enforcement officers die in the line of duty and more than 58,000 are assaulted, resulting in approximately 15,000 injuries. We ask that you remember them and their families during this time and throughout the year.

This year the Marshfield Police Department will celebrate Police Memorial Week with a service on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at Beell Stadium at 6:30 p.m. All members of the community are welcome to attend the service and the brief reception which follows.

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**KEEP GRADUATION PARTIES SAFE:  
UNDERAGE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION  
AND SOCIAL HOSTING ORDINANCE**

As all area high schools and families prepare for graduation, it is important that both students and family members act responsibly. Persons below the age of 21 are not allowed to consume alcoholic beverages outside the presence of their parents or legal guardians and legal guardianship ends at 18. Adults should be aware that providing alcohol to a minor and underage person is against the law.

The City of Marshfield social hosting ordinance states no adult may knowingly permit, host, or fail to take action to prevent the illegal consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage by an underage person on premises owned by the adult or under the adult’s control. A person who commits a violation may be required to forfeit not more than \$700 plus court costs for the first offense. Forfeitures may go as high as \$6,000 plus court costs for 3 or more previous violations of this ordinance.

For the underage offenders, the penalties vary depending on age and prior violations. Anyone under the age of 17 years who has been cited for this offense must appear in court with a parent, and the judge will determine an appropriate penalty. Violators will be issued forfeitures and suspension of driving privileges from two months to one year.

If anything should happen to a child who has consumed alcohol provided by an adult/parent, that adult/parent may be held both criminally and civilly responsible.

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**PERSONAL SAFETY AND HOME SECURITY**

Below are some basic personal safety and home security tips to keep in mind when at home or traveling.

- Avoid walking alone after dark.
- When walking, wear reflective vests or clothing and remember your “Rules of the Road.”
- When traveling, always tell someone your plans and check in with them periodically.
- If you are going on vacation, you can talk with your neighbors to help keep an eye on things. Leave lights on timers, and if it is an extended time away, have your mail and paper held.
- Never pick up hitchhikers!
- Keep your vehicle doors locked at all times to protect your valuables and help deter criminals from getting your personal information—even if you are leaving your vehicle for a short period of time. Do you have a garage door opener in your car? If you do and do not lock your car, your home is not secure.
- Keep your doors and windows locked at your home or apartment, including your garage service entry, even when you are home.
- If you should find your home or apartment door “entered”—do not go inside as a burglar may still be in the residence. Move to a safe location, call 911, and stay on the line with the dispatcher until the police arrive.
- If you believe someone has entered your home while you are there, leave if at all possible. If you cannot leave, go to a room where you have a phone, lock the door and call 911. Stay on the line with the dispatcher until the police arrive.
- If you are elderly or live alone, Lifeline or LifeAlert are options that should be considered in case you need emergent assistance and are unable to reach a telephone. For more information about Lifeline or LifeAlert, call 211.
- Project Lifesaver is a non-profit program that provides safety, security, and rescue support services for adults or children who wander due to Alzheimer’s, autism, or other related “at risk” individuals with cognitive disorders. More information about Project Lifesaver can be found at [www.projectlifesaver.org](http://www.projectlifesaver.org) or call the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department at (715)486-2094.

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**DOGS IN VEHICLES**  
**SUMMER SHELTER FOR DOGS**  
**BARKING DOGS**

**Your pet can suffer from brain damage or death if it is in kept in a vehicle for a short period of time during warm weather.** Even with the windows slightly open on an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a car can climb to 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in 30 minutes. A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short time before suffering brain damage or death.

More people today are aware of this potentially serious problem and calls to the Marshfield Police Department have increased significantly for an officer to respond to the area and see if the pet is safe. We recommend that if you plan on being gone for any period of time, whether it is to shop or a doctor's appointment, the best way to keep your pet safe is to leave it at home.

**Wisconsin law states dogs kept outdoors must have ready access to shelter.** During the summer months this protects the dogs from the hot sun or inclement weather. A shade tree is not a proper shelter. Shelter should consist of a doghouse or access to a garage. Also make sure your dog has access to clean water on a daily basis when it is kept outside.

**It is important to keep your dog's barking to a minimum.** Regardless of the season or time of day or night, it is annoying to hear a neighborhood dog bark incessantly. If a dog is reported to be barking, attempts will be made to contact the owner to correct the problem. If the problem cannot be corrected, a citation may be issued to the dog's owner. In situations where there is an occasional bark or the dog stops barking before the officer arrives, the complaint will be evaluated, and if warranted, further action may be taken. Be a good neighbor and take your dog inside.

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**JUNE 3, 2017**

**ROLLER BLADING, SKATEBOARDING AND BICYCLE SAFETY**  
**AND**  
**BICYCLE LICENSING**

**Operation of roller blades, roller skates, and skateboards on private property without permission is prohibited!**

Skating on the street must be done as far to the right side of the roadway as possible. Operation may be during day and nighttime hours (at night wearing reflective clothing and a white light to the front) and must be in compliance with state traffic laws. Skating/boarding is permitted on all city streets except the following:

- State Highway 13/Veterans Parkway
- Highway 97 from State Highway 13 to northern city limits
- County Highway Y (Adler Road/Becker Road)
- County Highway H (East 29 Street and West 14<sup>th</sup> Street)
- Oak Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Street to Upham Street
- Peach Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to the northern city limits in Marathon County
- McMillan Street from North Peach to State Highway 13/Veterans Parkway
- Upham Street from Highway 97 to St. Joseph Avenue

Inline skates, roller skates, and skateboards are prohibited on the sidewalk and roadway on Central Avenue between Cleveland Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street, including the sidewalks from Central Avenue to the alleys.

Every year thousands of bicyclists are injured or killed while riding because of common errors. The following is a list of rules to live by:

- Come to a complete stop at stop signs
- Look and listen before entering traffic
- Yield to vehicles in driveways when riding on sidewalks
- Look over your shoulder before changing lanes
- Wear light or reflective clothing at night
- Have a working headlight with a red reflector on the back of bike
- Wear a bicycle helmet

All motorists, please remember Wisconsin law states that when overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, you shall exercise due care. It is important to recall that bicyclists may have obstacles to go around, causing sudden movements to which you, as a driver, will have to react. Also, bicycles do not offer their riders the physical protection that a car does. Any mishap could cause serious injury to a bike operator.

During the course of the year, the police department recovers numerous abandoned and stolen bicycles. If the bicycle is registered, owners can be located and bicycles returned. For this reason, Marshfield city

ordinance requires the licensing of bicycles. Bike licenses are free and registration forms can be obtained at the police department Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Basic bike information includes:

- Make
- Serial number
- Frame color and size
- Number of speeds

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**EXCESSIVE VEHICLE NOISE AND ILLEGAL USE OF RADIO**

The Marshfield Police Department continues to address concerns related to “excessive noise” from vehicles. Loud stereos, loud exhaust on cars, trucks, and motorcycles along with squealing tires are of typical concern. Modified exhaust systems are illegal. Enforcement action will be taken to address violations of state statutes and municipal code.

During warm weather, motorists drive with their windows down and the radio turned up. What you may not know is that if the music is too loud, you may be in violation of the law. Wisconsin statute states that no one may operate, park, stop, or leave a motor vehicle in which a radio or other electronic sound device is audible from a distance of 75 feet or more. Violation of this noise ordinance may result in a fine.

Do yourself and everyone else a favor by keeping your radio down and your exhaust system in good working condition.

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**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY**  
**AND RIGHT OF WAY**

Pedestrians have the right of way when in a crosswalk. However, as a pedestrian always use caution when entering the crosswalk whether it is with a traffic light or not to make sure the motorists see you and are coming to a stop to allow you to cross safely.

Parents, please do your part in keeping your kids safe by training them to use and obey crosswalk signs and to look both ways checking for traffic before attempting to cross a street.

Pedestrians may, based on the condition or lack of sidewalks, choose to walk or run on the roadway. The law says for your safety, you must always use the left side of the road, allowing you to see the closest oncoming traffic. Also if you have decided to use the road, you should wear flashing lights visible from front and back along with brightly colored and/or reflective clothing to make you plainly visible to passing traffic.

Motorists, when approaching or turning into a marked or unmarked crosswalk, you must always check for and yield the right of way to pedestrians, coming to a full stop when necessary. (Unmarked crosswalks are an extension of the sidewalk across the street even though painted lines are absent.)

Motorists must always use extreme caution when another vehicle is stopped at a crosswalk, because they may be allowing a pedestrian to cross.

As we share our highways and streets with people walking, running or bicycling, we all must be cautious, patient, and courteous so we all can stay safe.

As a pedestrian, you have many rights...don't make them your last.

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**MOTORCYCLE AND MOPED LAWS**

**Motorcycles:**

No person may operate a Type 1 motorcycle, which is a motorcycle capable of speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour (mph) while carrying a 150 pound person, unless the person possesses a valid operator's license specifically authorizing the operation of Type 1 motorcycles. All operators must wear approved eye protection, and if you are under the age of 18 or have a motorcycle instruction permit, you must also wear a helmet.

- No person may accompany the permittee except a person with at least two years of licensed driving experience and whose license is endorsed for Type 1 motorcycle operation may ride as a passenger-instructor.
- The permittee may not operate a cycle during hours of darkness unless accompanied by a licensed person 25 years of age or more who has at least two years of licensed driving experience and whose license is endorsed for Type 1 motorcycle operation may ride as a passenger-instructor.

A motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle facing a red signal light at an intersection may, after stopping as required for not less than 45 seconds, proceed cautiously through the intersection before the signal turns green if no other vehicles are present at the intersection to actuate the signal and the operator of the motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle reasonably believes the signal is vehicle actuated. The operator of a motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle, or bicycle proceeding through a red signal light shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicular traffic, pedestrian, bicyclist, or rider of an electric personal assistive mobility device proceeding through a green signal at the intersection or lawfully within a crosswalk or using the intersection.

**Mopeds:**

A moped is a motorcycle whose engine may not exceed 50 cubic centimeters (CC) in size with an automatic transmission.

Generally, anyone with a valid driver's license may operate a moped. However, it is not legal to operate a moped with only a valid instruction permit.

Mopeds are subject to all traffic laws just like any other motor vehicle. You must obey traffic signals and stop signs, yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and slow down in school zones.

On roads where the speed limit is 25 mph or less, two mopeds may operate side-by-side if both riders agree. On roads where the speed limit is more than 25, mopeds must ride single file. On roads with two or more lanes in each direction, mopeds must operate in the right lane except when turning left.

You may ride your moped on any roadway except freeways or roads where mopeds are specifically prohibited. You may not operate a moped on sidewalks, along fence lines or off the traveled surface of the roadway.

Mopeds are entitled to a full traffic lane but may not impede traffic. Don't operate a moped on private property without the property owner's permission. Mopeds may park in spaces designated for other motor vehicles, in bicycle racks or on sidewalks, unless otherwise prohibited.

Mopeds are designed for only one person. It is illegal to carry a passenger on a moped.

Mopeds must have brakes, lights and turn signals which must be maintained in safe working order.

Wisconsin does not require moped drivers to wear helmets, but be aware that a moped offers the rider almost no protection in case of a crash. Even at relatively slow moped speeds, head injuries in moped crashes are common. A United States Department of Transportation approved helmet is the best protection against serious injury.

Mopeds must use headlights when driving at night, but unlike motorcycles, there is no requirement for headlight use during the day. However, headlights turned on during the day can greatly improve moped visibility to other motorists, and it is a very good safety practice.

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**FIREWORKS AND OUTDOOR CAMP FIRES**

Fourth of July celebrations with family outings and fireworks could end in serious injury or death if illegal fireworks are used. Fireworks that explode or move under their own power are illegal to use or possess regardless of where they are purchased. Legal fireworks include caps for cap guns, toy snakes, sparklers, and devices that spray confetti or streamers. Contact the police department at 384-3113 (Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) if you have any questions.

The Fourth of July is also a time for outdoor parties which include grilling and camp fires. Camp fires are considered open outdoor fires used solely for personal enjoyment and/or food preparation. Camp fires shall be in a fire pit or other metal containment no larger than 36 inches in diameter. The fire department may prohibit/extinguish any fires when atmospheric conditions, hazardous situations, unreasonable gatherings, and smoke complaints become a concern. For specific questions please contact the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department at 715-384-3118 or you can access their website at [http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/departments/fire\\_and\\_rescue](http://ci.marshfield.wi.us/departments/fire_and_rescue) and review Sec. 61 Outdoor fires and Sec. 62 Fireworks, firework shows and storage or use of explosives.

Apartment dwellers need to remember that no charcoal burners or gas grills shall be kindled or maintained on combustible balconies or within ten feet of combustible patios on ground floors. As a general safety practice, it is highly recommended that outdoor grilling not be done within ten feet of a residence.

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**PREVENTING THEFT FROM VEHICLES:**  
**LOCK IT OR LOSE IT**

The police department responds to numerous complaints of personal property being stolen from vehicles each year with a marked increase during the summer months. These types of thefts commonly occur when cars and garages are left unlocked. Property stolen from unlocked vehicles include: GPS units, MP3 players, radar detectors, expensive stereo equipment, cell phones, lap tops, power tools, spare change, sunglasses, cameras, purses, hand tools, firearms, and garage door openers.

- Thieves will break into any vehicle if they think there is something of value to be stolen from it. Lock your vehicle and put the valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk or bring them into the house at night.
- Outdoor security lighting left on from dusk to dawn or motion detection lighting is inexpensive and helps to deter crimes such as theft, vandalism, and burglary.
- You can increase the chances of your property being recovered if it is stolen by recording the make, model, and serial number. Simply taking a picture of the item may also help in its recovery.
- Report suspicious activity while it is happening. This could save you or your neighbor from being victimized. Call 9-1-1 and stay on the line if you see or hear something that seems unusual or suspicious. Try to get a description of the suspects and their vehicle. And most importantly, do not confront the suspects.

The Marshfield Police Department strongly encourages you to always lock your garage as well as your vehicle when it is left parked outside to prevent these types of thefts from happening to you or someone you know.

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**LOST PETS**

It happens...you open the door to your house and your pet (cat or dog) races out and runs away, and, unfortunately, it will not come back when called. Now what should you do?

If you are unable to get your pet back, call the Wood County Dispatch Center at 715-387-4394 as soon as possible with a description of your pet, its name, and the area where it became lost. By notifying dispatch, officers will be made aware of the situation and keep an eye out for the pet.

**Procedure for lost pets:** Cats and dogs are taken to the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter (MAPS). Please contact ordinance control at 387-4394 to see if your pet has been picked up and taken there. Or you can check MAPS on their Facebook account or their website [www.marshfieldpetsshelter.org](http://www.marshfieldpetsshelter.org) to see if your pet is there.

Before your pet can be returned to you by a police or ordinance officer, you will be responsible to pay all impound fees. If you are unable to pay the impound fee, a contract agreeing to pay the impound fee will be reviewed and signed by the owner. Following this, arrangements will be made to retrieve your pet from the impound facility and reunite you with your pet.

We would like to remind all residents that your pet must be licensed in the city as per state statutes (174.05) and city ordinance (9.51). It is also a state statute to have the tag on your pet's collar (174.07(c)). By displaying the tag on your pet's collar, it will be much easier and timelier in returning your pet to you, and perhaps, saving you unnecessary impound fees if we are able to contact you directly.

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**REPORTING DOG BITES**

Nationwide every year, there are more than 4.5 million dog bites with more than 750,000 victims requiring medical treatment. Being bitten by a dog is a very frightening experience for both adults and children.

If a dog or cat bites you, the wound should be thoroughly cleaned immediately with soap and water, and a doctor should see the victim. All dog/cat bites and cat scratches that break the skin should be reported to your local law enforcement agency. The owner of the animal will be required to show proof of current rabies shot. The animal will then be put in quarantine as required by state law.

Reporting a dog bite may prevent further dog-bite incidents.

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**SIGN UP FOR FREE SCAM ALERTS**

To get the latest tips about scams sent right to your inbox from the Bureau of Consumer Protection (datcp.wi.gov) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC.gov/scams), or to file a complaint, visit their website or contact the Bureau of Consumer Protection at:

Bureau of Consumer Protection  
2811 Agriculture Drive  
PO Box 8911  
Madison, WI 537-8-8911

EMAIL: [DATCPHotline@wi.gov](mailto:DATCPHotline@wi.gov)

WEBSITE: datcp.wi.gov

TELEPHONE: (800) 422-7128

FAX: (608) 224-4677

TTY: (608) 224 5058

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**SEXTING**

“Sexting” refers to the sending and/or receiving of electronic messages with text and/or pictures that are sexually suggestive in nature. It is known that teens and adults today are sexting at an alarming rate. Much of this increase is due to the availability of electronic devices and cross platform software programs that allow electronic devices to communicate with each other and the prevalence of cameras on these devices. These devices can include, but not limited to, computers, cell phones, and other tablet devices. The ability to engage in these types of conversations can now easily be done in a discreet manner, oftentimes in the privacy of bedrooms and bathrooms. Unfortunately, our youth do not always comprehend the potential damage that one picture can have on their lives; it can destroy them and their reputation. Parents must begin the difficult conversation about sexting before there is a problem and introduce the issue as soon as a child is old enough to communicate with their peers through these types of devices.

Talking to your children and teens:

- Use examples appropriate for your child’s age. For younger children with cell phones who do not yet know about sex, alert them that text messages should never contain pictures of people--kids or adults--without their clothes on, kissing or touching each other in ways that they’ve never seen before. For older children, use the term “sexting” and give more specifics about sex acts they may know about. For teens, be very specific that “sexting” often involves pictures of a sexual nature and is considered pornography.
- Make sure kids of all ages understand that sexting is serious and considered a crime in many jurisdictions. Sexting can have serious consequences, such as suspension from school or extracurricular activities, notes on a permanent record that could hurt their chances of getting into college or getting a job, and possibly police involvement.
- Make sure your kids understand that messages or pictures they send over the Internet or on their cell phones are never truly private or anonymous. Also, make sure they know anyone can--and often will--forward their pictures or messages to others. (Ask your daughter what her boyfriend will do with those pictures once they break up). Check up on what your kids are communicating to their peers.

If concerning messages or photographs are found, there should be consequences, such as temporarily banning/increased monitoring of the device until trust can be restored. If your child is ever being pressured or made to feel uncomfortable by someone trying to get them to engage in sexting, please contact your local law enforcement.

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**ARCHERY PERMITS, HUNTER SAFETY LAWS**  
**AND**  
**BOW HUNTING IN MARSHFIELD CITY LIMITS**

Archery is a popular sport in Wisconsin, and archery practice within the city limits of Marshfield is only allowed if you have the proper permit. To obtain an archery permit, call the police department ordinance division at 715-384-0814 to have your archery range inspected and approved.

Permit requirements:

- All arrows used in practicing **MUST** be equipped with practice tips.
- There is a 25-yard shooting maximum.
- You must have a target that is capable of stopping an arrow, such as compressed cardboard, store-bought targets, Styrofoam, etc.
- There must be a sufficient backstop capable of stopping an arrow, such as a garage, shed, or in some cases an open field.
- The property being used for shooting must be the permit holder’s property, or if a rental property, the landowner’s permission has been obtained.
- After obtaining a permit, the permit must accompany you while shooting.
- And most importantly, this permit is a privilege, not a right, and it can be revoked after issuance if the permit holder is found to be negligent or reckless in practice techniques.

A few basic hunter safety laws to remember:

- It is illegal to hunt or discharge any firearm within the city limits of Marshfield.
- It is illegal to hunt within 50 feet from the center of any roadway. (There are certain exceptions for hunters possessing a disabled permit.)
- It is illegal to shoot a firearm within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy, without permission of the occupants.
- A copy of the Wisconsin Hunting Regulations booklet can be obtained from the DNR or its website ([www.dnr.wi.gov](http://www.dnr.wi.gov)), the police department, or any place where hunting licenses are sold.

Archers can bow and crossbow hunt within city limits during valid Department of Natural Resources (DNR) deer hunting bow seasons. The City of Marshfield adopted the amended City Code regarding bow hunting as indicated below.

Every person who bow hunts within the City of Marshfield corporate limits shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Individuals will possess a current valid archery deer hunting license or small game license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources;
- Secure the permission of the owner of the land where the hunt is to occur;
- Hunt in a location no less than 100 yards from any “building” without the express consent of any and all owners of said “buildings” within that distance. “Building” shall mean a permanent structure used for human occupancy and includes a manufactured home, as defined in s.101.91(2), Wis. Stats.;

- Hunt from an elevated position which directs the arrow toward the ground immediately upon release;
- Hunt only with a bow and arrow or a crossbow and arrow; and
- Hunters must comply with all state and local laws, rules and regulations and the directions set forth in the deer management plan of the Department of Natural Resources.

Hunting on city owned property is permitted with the following restrictions:

- Any cutting of trees, brush, lanes, or trails is prohibited;
- The conducting of deer drives (on foot or motorized) is prohibited;
- Permanent free standing or tree stands are prohibited;
- Permanent ladders, or nailed on or screw-in steps affixed to any tree are prohibited;
- Portable tree stands and ladders must be removed daily;
- Hunting in any city park or on school grounds is strictly prohibited; and
- Hunters who harvest deer or large animals are to clean up all entrails.

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**SCHOOL ZONES**  
**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**  
**SCHOOL BUS SAFETY**  
**AND**  
**SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONES**

Schools will soon open, and it is time to think safety! During this time of year, more students are walking or riding their bikes to and from school. Motorists must be aware that the law requires their speed be reduced to 15 miles per hour in “school zones”, and during the time children or crossing guards are present. By reducing their speed and being alert, drivers allow themselves time to react to the unpredictable movement of children. Adults are responsible for making sound driving decisions, as children do not have the knowledge, experience, or ability to do so.

Fines for speeding in school zones range as follows:

- \$111.40 (1-10 miles per hour over the limit)
- \$124 (11-15 miles per hour over)
- \$161.80 (16-19 miles per hour over)
- \$187 (20 plus miles per hour over)

As you are about to enter a school zone, you are required to slow your vehicle and proceed with caution. Traffic must stop when an adult school crossing guard is holding up a stop sign. These are legal stop signs. Each crossing guard has been instructed to obtain the license number of vehicles failing to stop. This information is relayed to the police department, and a traffic citation may be issued.

Adult crossing guard locations within the city are at the following intersections:

Doege/Peach	8th/Peach	17 <sup>th</sup> /Peach	17 <sup>th</sup> /Palmetto
St. Joseph/Upham	14 <sup>th</sup> /Schmidt	Walnut/Upham	Becker/Peach
11 <sup>th</sup> /Adams	Oak/Upham		

A stopped school bus with flashing red lights means a motorist must stop at least 20 feet from the bus, whether you are approaching from the rear or the front of the bus. In addition to the red lights, a stop sign may be extended from the bus, which means children are in the process of boarding or exiting. A motorist may proceed only when the bus driver begins driving or turns off the flashing red lights.

If you pass a stopped school bus with activated flashing red lights, your violation will be video recorded, and you will be fined. Your driver’s license will be assessed demerit points if you are found guilty.

Parents/drivers are reminded that you cannot pick up or drop your children off in designated school bus zones when children are boarding or exiting the buses. Please drop off and/or pick your children up at the locations mandated by the individual schools.

Remember, the safety of our children is of utmost importance, and it is your responsibility to be alert and keep them safe.

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**SAFELY LOADING/UNLOADING YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL ZONES**

If your school has a drop-off zone to unload your children, please use it and follow these guidelines:

- **Do not leave your vehicle other than to assist your children in opening the door or exiting from the vehicle.**
- **Do not drop off your children from the street-side door of your vehicle or allow them to walk between parked vehicles.**

If you are walking your child to school, do not cross in the middle of the street, but walk to the nearest safe intersection or crosswalk and follow the directions of the crossing guards.

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**TRUANCY AND CURFEW**

**Truancy:**

Any student enrolled in school is prohibited from being truant. “Truant” is defined as a pupil who is absent from school without an acceptable excuse for part or all of the day. This includes being on school property, but failing to attend scheduled classes or activities.

A student who is deemed truant may be subject to the following:

- A court order to attend school.
- A forfeiture and/or community service.
- Mandatory court appearance with parents.

A student who is habitually truant may be subject to one or more of the following:

- Suspension of driver’s license.
- A court order to attend school.
- A court order to attend counseling, which is paid for by the parents.
- A court order to attend a teen court program or special education program.
- A forfeiture and/or community service.
- Referral to human services.

Parent responsibility:

Any parent, guardian, or other adult who knowingly allows a child to be absent from school without an acceptable excuse, is in violation of the truancy ordinance. This may result in a mandatory court appearance and forfeitures for the responsible parent.

**Curfew:**

Marshfield’s curfew ordinance is as follows:

- Children age 12 and under must be home prior to 9:00 p.m. every day of the week.
- Persons ages 13 through 15, must be home prior to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.
- Persons 16 and 17 years of age must be home prior to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and midnight on Friday and Saturday.

The only exceptions are:

- If they are accompanied by one of their parents.
- If they are engaged in necessary errands as directed by their parents.
- If they are doing something required by their jobs.
- If they are going directly to or returning home from a school, church, or other approved activity.

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**LATCHKEY KIDS**

Before making the decision to leave your child home alone, you need to decide if your child is capable of handling non-emergency and emergency situations and that you and your child are comfortable with this decision. It is important for children to feel secure, especially when they are home alone. If your child is prepared to handle whatever situation may arise, both of you will feel more confident.

Here are some guidelines to help keep your child safe.

- Doors should be kept locked.
- Your child should not answer the door unless you’ve approved a visitor to your home.
- If your child is to answer the phone, make sure they never give out personal information or say they are alone.
- Instruct your child about which appliances they may use and make sure they know how to operate them.
- Have your child periodically call and check in with you or a designated person.
- Always keep important phone numbers next to the phone. These should include emergency numbers, work numbers, and the numbers of relatives, trusted friends, or neighbors. Instruct your child to call 911 when they do not feel safe.

Have and review a safety plan for severe weather, fire, and other emergency type situations.

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**HOMECOMING**

As we prepare for homecoming events, it is important that children are encouraged by their parents to act in a responsible manner. Unless you are en route to or from school-sanctioned homecoming activities, you are required to comply with the Friday and Saturday night curfew enforced in the City of Marshfield.

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