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FEATURED INSIDE:

- Annexations to Tollway
- Ground Water Mitigated
- New Bus Service Rates
- Fire/Rescue Services

Annexation to the Tollway Completed

Boundary expansion bringing in south side of I-90/STH23 slated for August 26

On July 22, the Mayor and City Council approved (8-1) an annexation agreement that in turn caused the approval (7-1) of an annexation of acreage that borders the Jane Addams / I-90 Tollway on the east and west sides of State Route 23. While this annexation is noteworthy, it is just the beginning step of the process to create the I-90 interstate interchange at STH 23. With approval of the July 22 annexation, the City formally became eligible to sponsor the development of the

interchange, according to Illinois Tollway Authority requirements. For the primary purpose of developing east bound entrance and exit access points from I-90, the City is working with one more property owner to annex 156 acres, primarily located just south of the Tollway. With this anticipated annexation, the City will have taken in almost 3.2 square miles since this past April, while only adding 10 people to its population. Other annexations that were not essential to getting to the

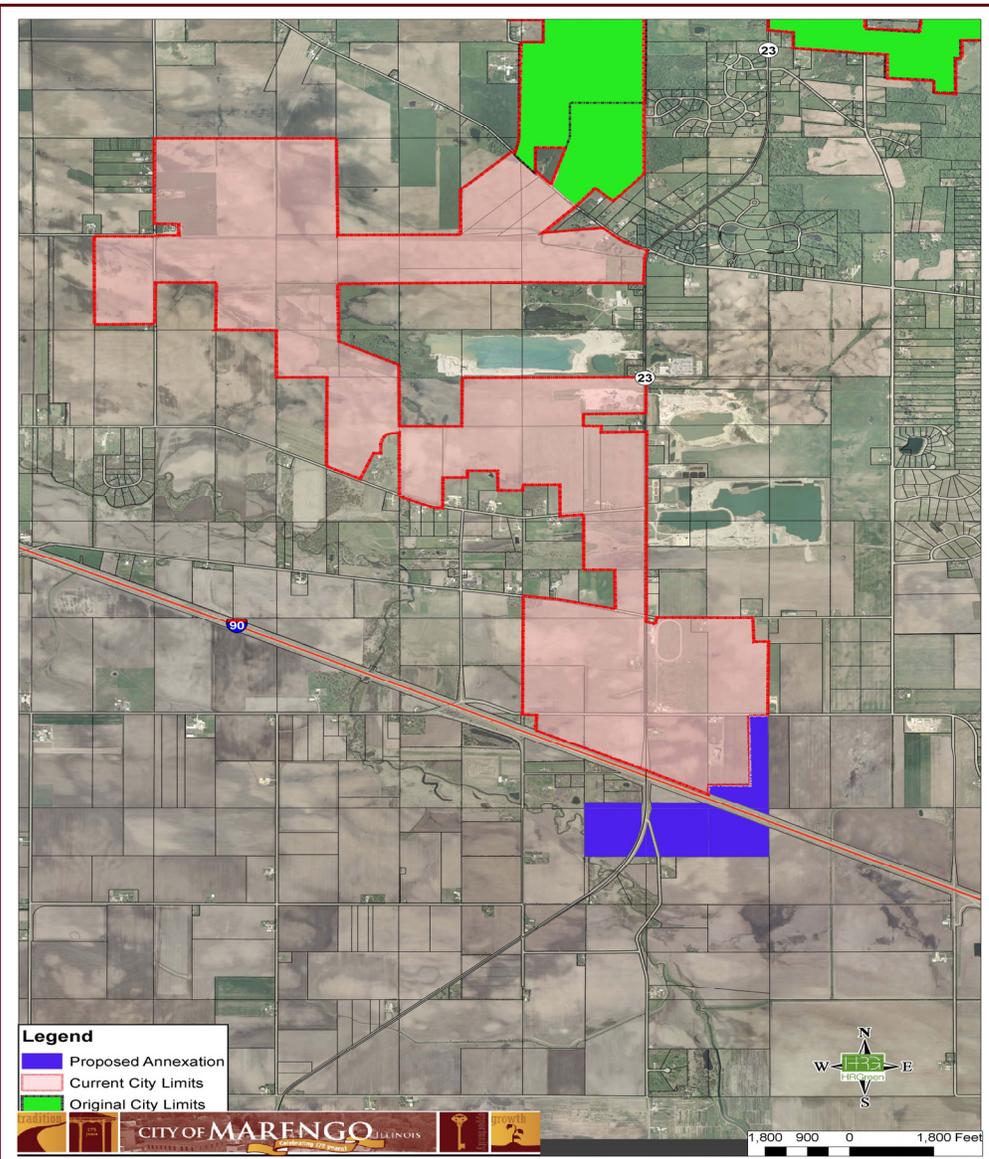
Tollroad, but still in the area west and south of the City are anticipated in upcoming months. With expectation of the annexations up to and past the Tollway, on May 28 the City Council approved (7-1) a \$74,000 services contract with its city engineering firm H.R. Green to perform a study for projected traffic flows caused by the proposed interchange and anticipated development in the area, to develop a preliminary design of the interchange, to assist the City with the development of a *memorandum of understanding* with the Tollway Authority and other governments and (perhaps) non-government stakeholders to determine the cost centers, construction timing and financing responsibilities of the project. Work is underway for the traffic study and the preliminary design. Once most of this work is completed, discussions regarding the MOU will begin in earnest. Completion of these tasks is targeted for October.

City Still Waiting For IDOT to Award Prospect Contract

The City is still awaiting the Illinois Department of Transportation to formally award the \$213,000 construction contract to Berger Construction, the low bidder that has been previously accepted by the Marengo officials. The delays that have occurred in the state's awarding of this contract would suggest that the project will not be completed this year, as was originally intended. City officials have contacted State Representative Jack Franks and Senator Pamela Althoff, who have in-turn talked with IDOT to encourage them to award the bid and allow the project to start.

The Prospect Street project actually focuses upon the redevelopment of the intersections at STH 176 and USH 20. These intersections will be reconfigured to allow for easier turning movements. While signalization at STH 176 will not be immediate, the construction plans call for doing the underground work so that traffic signals can be easily installed when traffic volumes increase to warrant their installation.

With the traffic flow being reconfigured at the Marengo Middle School, the Berger contract includes the installation of traffic signals at USH 20. Street reconstruction of Prospect will not lead far south from STH 176, but will extend from USH 20 all the way to the northern school boundary. Utility relocation is currently underway to ready the site for the reconstruction project.



Marengo City limits will expand by almost 3.2 square miles assuming an August 26 approval of a State Bank of Woodstock Trust No. 5056 annexation totaling a 156 acres (straddling the Jane Addams / I-90 Tollway shown in blue toward the bottom of this map). The annexations, shown in pink have been approved by the City Council since on April 22 of this year. With these annexations the City's population has increased by about 10 people. Excluding STH 23, which is under IDOT jurisdiction the City has acquired the maintenance responsibility of just 5.25 miles of former township roadway. (The Southern City limits prior to April 22, 2013 are depicted in green.)

Ground Water Contamination Being Mitigated

On June 24, the Mayor and City Council heard a report from Ed Coggin of the City's engineering firm H.R. Green regarding the impact of the ground water contamination emanating from Arnold Magnetic Technologies Corporation, located just outside the city limits at 300 North West Street. The contamination has been present on-site for several years, but just recently has been reported in concentrations off-site wells that *may* have some consequences to human health. ***It must be noted that the City's water supply is in no way affected by this ground water contamination problem.***

Test results from one monitoring well and two private wells in the area have raised the caution. It has caused the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, through the Illinois Attorney General's Office, to receive a McHenry County Circuit Court order for the company to offer bottled water to six Marengo Township properties along Railroad Street and Ritz Road until a permanent solution mitigating this problem is put in-place. The IEPA has identified an area equal to about a third-square mile north and a little west of the plant, for which they think the potential of the contamination may occur. Still, it is conjectured by

Mr. Coggin that the contamination "plume" that actually emanates from the contamination source probably would be just a fraction of this area. More monitoring wells are being put in place to determine that actual location of the plume.

The City's environmental engineer reported that the cause of the contamination, cleaning fluids used to degrease equipment, had been a part of Arnold's manufacturing process until 2003, when the company discontinued its use and tore down the part of the factory that was committed to this process. At the plant site, 17 monitoring wells have been watched since 1999. From his 17 years of experience in working on ground water clean-ups, Mr. Coggin indicated that while this concern still needs to be watched, he believes the extent of this problem is relatively small and that its threat to public health is rather limited to this immediate area.

In the upcoming weeks, city officials expect that the property owner of the factory, the 300 West Company, will enter into discussions regarding the extension of city water mains to these Marengo Township properties in the area that may be susceptible to the contamination, as identified by the IEPA.



Two New Employees Join Public Works

In the last three months, two vacancies in the Public Works Department have been filled by Tony Marcuccelli (right) and Brad Grondfeldt (left).

Tony started on May 20 working primarily out of the street division. He previously worked for a family contracting service bringing experience in underground infrastructure and street maintenance.

Brad comes to us from Dupage County Forest Preserve. He started on July 1 primarily assigned to the Waster Water Treatment Division.

Residential Street Paving Underway

Slated for milling and overlay are 18 blocks of residential streets including: West Forest, 400 block; West Chapel, 400 block; Riley, 300-500 blocks; North Page, 600-900 blocks; Third Avenue, 300-500 blocks; Fifth Avenue, 300 block; Seventh Avenue, 300-400 blocks; East Van Buren, 200 block; East Jackson, 200 block; and the alley behind the west

side of the 200 block of South State Street. As a preventative maintenance measure to extend street life, city crews also will do 43 blocks of crack filling throughout the city.

On two 7-1 votes the City Council has committed \$27,900 to improve the drainage along the 500 block of East Van Buren Street and the 500 block of North East Street; and

contracted \$15,900 for repairs (already completed) to major street failures, including the cul de sac on Sunset and a 100 foot strip of Georgeann that collapsed after emergency repairs were made to a significant water main break that occurred during the freeze/thaw cycles this past winter.



Bus Service Rate Increase Effective September 1st

In order to offset the increasing costs of the Marengo Dial-a-Ride fares will be increasing on September 1st. For disabled persons, senior citizens and students, the fare will increase from \$.75 to \$1.00. For the general public, the fare will increase from \$1.50 to \$2.00. These fares will apply to riders in the city's corporate limits and also to riders who live in Marengo or Riley Township.

Riders in Coral Township and the Village of Union will see fares of \$2.00 for disabled persons, senior citizens and students and \$4.00 for the general public. Since 2008, the City of Marengo has cost shared PACE bus service charges with Marengo and Riley Townships. The City Council decided that Coral Township and Village of Union rider fares should be higher due to these entities declining to participate in cost sharing of the program.

Over the last four years, the costs to the city and townships for Dial-a-Ride have more than doubled. Pace's costs throughout McHenry County for these types of services have increased due to an increase in fuel, insurance and capital costs associated with the



program. Due to the rising costs associated with the program, the City Council reviewed alternate programs with Pace but ultimately found the current program to be most cost effective, however changes would be needed to help bring down costs. In an effort to control the costs, the fares are being slightly increased for the first time in nearly a decade.

New Requirement: 24-hour Advanced Notice

One additional change to the service is that the Dial-a-Ride program previously allowed for 1 hour notice to schedule a ride. In order to schedule a ride, you must now call 24 hours in advance of when you wish to be picked up. The change notice does not mean the bus will be in service less in Marengo, but it does allow the bus to shut down for the day earlier if no rides have been scheduled at least 24 hours in advance, which will help bring down the costs of the program.

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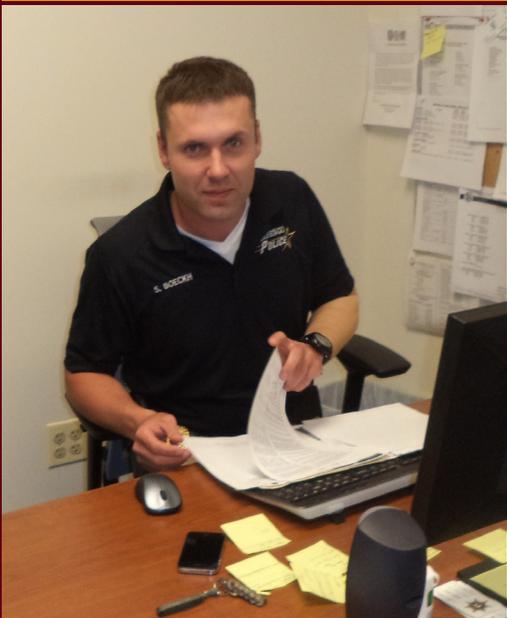
Shawn Boeckh Assigned as Detective

The Marengo Police Department announced this June the assignment of 6 year veteran Officer Shaun Boeckh to the position of Detective. In his new role he will be following up on cases generated by patrol officers, assisting in special assignment details, conducting interviews after incidents, addressing crime prevention ideas through community presentations, checking on sex offender registrants for compliance, and other

assignments as they may occur. Detective Boeckh has been receiving and will continue to receive additional training specific to his new assignment as he hones his skills for this role. Detective Boeckh has been trained in Reid's method of interviewing (both basic and advanced), investigating domestic violence incidents, asset forfeiture, street gang identification, evidence gathering and processing, sex crime investigations as well as basic investigation methods and practices.

The Marengo Police Department has also partnered with the McHenry County Sheriff's Police to provide Detective Boeckh with some "on the job" training out of their Woodstock Offices. In the past, Marengo PD has partnered with the Sheriff's department in this training and it has benefited both agencies. Marengo PD also plans to have Detective Boeckh to be trained in the technological aspects of crime which is promulgated through the use of electronic devices such as computers and cellular telephones.

Although this assignment is primarily day shift, Detective Boeckh will be called in after hours, provide testimony in court, travel outside Marengo during case follow up, assist other departments when called upon and help patrol during case development, as well as helping bring some cases to closure.



Hours for Dial-a-Ride:

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

If you wish to schedule a ride call:

1-800-273-5939.

The Dial-a-Ride call center open:

Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Fire/Rescue Services Provided For Area Residents

This year the Marengo Fire and Rescue districts started sending eight paramedic students to school. These students were selected last September from an application and interview process, and graduated from the Fire Academy on July 30th. The students will go through more than 1,000 hours of classroom and clinical time. This will take the students about 12 to 14 months to complete. While the students are in school they will be shadowed and mentored by the department's paramedics.

Districts Gets New Equipment

In upcoming days the Rescue Squad is expecting the arrival of a third \$14,000

Examples of a non-emergency BLS transport may be to and from a medical facility for dialysis treatment, chemotherapy, wound care, or direct admission to a hospital.

Citizens can request return service transport from the hospitals. Assuming the patient has appropriate insurance coverage, non-emergency BLS transports from nursing home facilities for patients that cannot be moved for medical treatment by any other means than an ambulance stretcher. A pre-qualifying written order from the physician would be required. Presenting proof of insurance will be needed if the department will be processing the bill. To make a prequalified appointment, or if you have any questions,

about non-emergency transports please telephone number (815)355-7207, and please provide three (3) advanced days notice.

Other District Services Offered

The districts offer CPR classes, which includes CPR for healthcare workers. Dependent upon the location and size of the class the department also offers on-sight classes to local businesses.

The department offers station tours for residents that would like to come to see our stations/equipment. For additional information for station tours or our CPR program please call our station at (815) 568-8912.



StrykerPower Cot. Funding for this piece of ambulance equipment has come through donations from fundraisers by the Marengo Fire and Rescue Association, and a \$7,000 grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund. These cots make it safer for patient transport, and also reduces the chance of paramedic back injuries. Along with upgrading paramedic equipment the department has been finalizing the specifications for the replacement of an ambulance. By the time delivery is made this unit will replace an ambulance that has over 200,000 miles on it. Delivery is expected around the first of next year.

BLS Transit Service Provided

To better serve our citizens, the Marengo Rescue Squad District now offers non-emergency Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance transportation. Non-emergency transports are for individuals who have a medical necessity but not a medical emergency.

Matt Neiart Joins Fire and Rescue



Matt Neiart joined the Marengo Fire and Rescue Districts as a full time certified firefighter/paramedic on July 1st. Matt's one year probation period will require continuing education, courses for additional certification, and some good old fashion on the job experience. Matt comes to the departments with bachelor degrees in Business Management and Marketing from St. Ambrose University. While he was attending college Matt played four years of football for the Fighting Bees. Following his college career Matt worked the next three years to obtain the certificates and licenses required to be a firefighter/paramedic. In his off time, Matt is an avid golfer and is always participating in physical fitness.

Regalia, Reminders and other References

Email Updates

Want to stay connected with City happenings? Have Marengo City Council agendas, news releases, calendar's of monthly meetings and general updates delivered right to your inbox. To register, go to www.cityofmarengo.com and enter your email address in the "subscribe to email updates" box or stop by City Hall.

Overnight Street Parking

Parking is not allowed on any residential street between the hours of 12:01 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Central Business District parking is not allowed between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. Violators are subject to a \$25 ordinance violation fine, which needs to be paid in 1-7 days.

E-Pay

As part of our ongoing commitment to improve service to our residents, we are offering the following electronic payment options at www.cityofmarengo.com:

- Water/sewer payments
- Vehicle sticker payments
- Parking/ordinance violation payments

Payments can be made by MasterCard, American Express, Discover and E-Check. The convenience fee charged for using credit services is not charged or collected by the City of Marengo.

Settlers' Days: October 10-14

The Settlers' Days parade is one of the largest in McHenry County. Starting at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, the parade is routed on State Street and East Washington Street. Kicking off the event on Thursday night at the Prince and Princess Contest at MCHS. The weekend includes Skinner's Carnival Friday-Sunday. The festival also includes the Car Show, Tractor Pulls, Petting Zoo, Pet Parade, Barrel Rides, Craft Fair, Sidewalk Coloring, Library Bake Sale, Pinochle Contest, Water Fights, Fall Fun at Cody's Farm, Pumpkin Decorating, Bingo, Pancake Breakfast, Scarecrow Decorating, 5K Walk and Run, and much more! New this year is the Exotic Animal Show.

"Saturday Night on Main" begins at 5:00 p.m. Come enjoy the popular music of



Modern Day Romeos! There will be a beer tent, a wide variety of food, live music, the Dave Flemming Variety Show, Exotic Animal Show, Live Performers, and much more!

Don't forget to register your business, school, church, or organization today for the parade! For more information visit www.settlersdays.com.

Garage Sales

A \$5.00 garage sale permit application can be printed at www.cityofmarengo.com or picked up at City Hall. The ordinance allows an address to hold two garage sales yearly up to six days. Only three signs are allowed to advertise the sale. Signs must have their own support and posted in the ground. Attachment of signs to telephone poles and city or state signage is prohibited.

2013-14 Vehicle Stickers

The 2013-14 Vehicle Stickers will be available for purchase beginning in June. The cost is \$20 per vehicle or \$5 per vehicle for those aged 65 and over. Fee's are doubled if purchased after July 31, 2013. Residents not displaying a current Vehicle Sticker are subject to an ordinance violation fine of \$150. Funds raised from the purchase of these stickers are used for street repairs.

Approved Resolutions and Ordinances May, June and July 2013

May

- 13-5-1 Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus
- 13-5-2 Ordinance Authorizing Execution an Annexation Agreement Concerning 176.692 Acres - WJR Enterprises
- 13-5-3 Ordinance Annexing 176.692 Acres - WJR Enterprises
- 13-5-4 Ordinance Amending Section 40.07, Weapons
- 13-5-5 Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Annexation Agreement Concerning 44 Acres - Martinek
- 13-5-6 Ordinance Annexing 44 Acres - Martinek
- 13-5-7 Ordinance Authorizing Execution of an Annexation Agreement Concerning 340 Acres - AR Land Co
- 13-5-8 Ordinance Annexing 340 Acres - AR Land Co
- 13-5-9 Ordinance Zoning 340 Acres Located West of Rte 23 and North/South of Grange to Manufacturing District and B-2 General Business
- 13-5-10 Ordinance Amending the City of Marengo Comprehensive Plan to Incorporate Additional Land Indicated in the Southwestern

June

- 13-6-1 Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of Surplus
- 13-6-2 Ordinance Amending Section 31.01, Garage Sales
- 13-6-3 Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates for City of Marengo
- 13-6-4 Ordinance Amending Chapters 12 & 40, Burning and Use of Weapons
- 13-6-5 Ordinance Annexing 351.05 Acres of Territory located East and West of Rte 23 & North and South of Harmony Rd and Anthony Rd to City of Marengo

July

- 13-7-1 Ordinance Amending Section 15.04 - E, Parking on Telegraph St
- 13-7-2 Ordinance Making the Appropriation for Corporate Purposes

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