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MAROA CITY HALL HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9 AM - 12 PM & 1 PM - 3 PM

Phone: 217.794.2206

Website: www.maroaillinois.gov

Maroa Police Department Non-emergency phone:

217.794-5526

EMERGENCY: 911

Maroa Fire Department: 217.794.3375 or 911

Waterworks, Sewer Plant, superintendent of Streets & Alleys

Mike Hoffman

Phone: 217-794.3842 After Hours Water Dept.: 217.519.2102

City Clerk: Crystal Parrott- 217.972.1684

City Treasurer: Randi Amettis-217.972.1685

City Administrator: Ted Agee- 217.972.1675

Aldermen/Alderwoman

Ward-1: Monty Gruetman- 217.972.1689

Ward-1: Jeremiah Grider- 217.972.1690

Ward-2: Toni Stoutenborough- 217.972.1680

Ward-2: Blake West- 217.972-1679

Ward-3: Matt Riley- 217.972-1681

Ward-3: Angela Bogle- 217.972.1682

City Attorney: Lindsey Wise (Brown, Hay & Stephens) Office-217.428.4689

Recorney. Emasey wise (brown, may & stephens) once-217.420.-

City Engineers: Chastain & Associates

Call JULIE before you DIG: 1.800.892.0123

WELL DRILLING Mashburn Well Drilling (217-794-3728) https://mashburnwelldrillinginc.com/



If you happen to get your water shut-off when it's shut-off time, please do not go on PSN and pay. Please call City Hall and get your balance first because PSN does not have the correct amount when you get shut-off. So if you go on there to pay you will not be paying the correct amount to get turned back on and PSN does not notify us when a payment is made. So we will not know right away to turn you back on. So it is important for you to call into City Hall or come in to pay your bill when you get shut-off to get turned back on. We just want to make sure that if you happen to get shut-off that we get you turned back on ASAP when the payment as been paid. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

If you would like to see the newsletter in color go to the city website at www.maroaillinois.gov and click on newsletter and which ever months you would like to see. :)

Reminder if anyone would like anything in the newsletter please let Crystal Parrott, City Clerk know by email at maroa.clerk1@gmail.com or call her at 217.794.2206.

Also if anyone would like their water bills emailed to them instead of mailed also let Crystal Parrott know at either her email above or by calling her.

SCHOOLS

Grade School (Forsyth) (217-877-2323) Middle School 4560 W. Washington (217-794-5115) High School 450 W Washington (217-794-3463) Unit Office, 641 E Shafer Street, Forsyth, IL 62535 (217-794-3488 extension 5103)

SECURITY SYSTEMS

ADTSecurity.com, an ADT Authorized Company (877-907-6760) ADTSecurity.com

SMALL ENGINE REPAIR Pest Outpost, LLC Tommy Agee 416 S Wood Street (217-794-2559) www.pestoutpost.com

STORAGE

My Space Self Storage Greg Ooton 15405 N Wood 217-794-5015 Spacemaker-Self Storage Tom Rogers 611 N Wood (217-794-5032 or 217-519-1913) Maroa Storage- Steve Bland 115 Williams Way 217-791-3245

SNOW REMOVAL Doak Snow Removal (217-794-3844)

SEWER Alpha Drains 406 E. Jefferson (217-917-5691) <u>alphadrainsillinois@gmail.com</u> www.alphadrains.llc

TOWNSHIP

Jamie Zombro Maroa Township Commissioner 504 S Wood St (217-794-3720)

TRUCKING

Braden Trucking 3033 W Washington (217-794-3772) Cunningham Trucking 200 W Taft (217-794-5295) Farmers Express Inc. Greg Ooten 332 N Maple (217-794-5015) Hoffman Trucking Rt 51 N (217-794-2281 or 800-356-2308)

WELDING

Performance Welding LLC Greg Hale Sr. (217-412-5723) Greg Hale Jr. (217-412-5722)



4th– City Council Meeting-City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

5th- Mason Masonic Lodge Meeting at Masonic Lodge

7th- American Legion 6 p.m. at Library

10th- Daylight Savings (Starts)

12th– Maroa Township Community Center Board Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

13th- Maroa Township Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

16th- Maroa Masonic Lodge-Fish Fry @ 4:30 p.m.

17th- St. Patrick's Day

18th- School Board Meeting @ High School Library @ 6:30 p.m.

18th- Maroa Library Board Meeting @ Library @ 6:30 p.m.

21st- Maroa Zoning Board meeting- at City Hall @ 6 p.m.

26th- Water Shut off for non-payment of bills at 9 a.m.

28th- Maundy Thursday Service-7 p.m. @ Christian Church

29th- Good Friday Service-7 p.m. @ United Methodist Church

29th– Good Friday

30th– Easter Egg Hunt– Maroa Library 10 a.m. (ages 10 and under weather permitting)

31st- Easter

31st– Easter Sunrise Service– 8am @ Christian Church and 10:10 a.m. @ United Methodist Church





POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department would like to announce the 2024/2025 Maroa Golf Cart registration/inspection will be held in the gym of the Maroa City Hall on the following dates:

from Noon to 8 pm &

from 4 pm to 9 pm.

Please bring your golf cart, insurance card and driver's license.

Please pull to the rear of the building, drive directly into the gym, and follow the signs and directions. Cost of the annual registration permit fee remains at \$25.00 per golf cart. Please make checks payable to the City of Maroa.

One additional date for registration will be announced if needed.

Please contact the Maroa Police Department if you have any questions.





PHOTOGRAPHY

Stephanie Whisnant-217-358-4401 can be contacted by text or FB message.

www.capturedbystephanie.com

https://www.facebook.com/CapturedbyStephaniephotographyanddesign

PLUMBING

Larry the Plumber Guy (217-848-7114) Thoms Plumbing & HVAC, Inc. 300 S Walnut (217-794-3326) https://thomsplumbing.com/ Alpha Drains 406 E Jefferson (217-917-5691) alphadrainsillinois@gmail.com www.alphadrains.llc

POST OFFICE

Maroa Post Office 200 E Main (217-794-5011)

REAL ESTATE/FARM MANAGEMENT

Richard Kaufman- Licensed Real Estate Broker- Team Heritage-217-433-4085-www.c21quest.com

RENTAL FACILITIES

<u>The City Hall Gym</u> 120 S Locust St (217-794-2206) <u>The Maroa Township Community Center</u> 119 W Main (Cafe) (217-794-5114)

RESTAURANTS & TAVERNS

Crawford's Pizza and Pub Matt & Hillary Crawford- 535 S Wood Street (217-794-2700) Maroa Pub, Inc. 102 W Walnut (217-794-3532) Ryder's American Grille- 105 W. Main St.

RETAIL Dollar General 561 S Wood St. (217-794-2333)

RV SALES & SUPPLIES Four Winds RV (217-794-2292)

SATELLITE PROVIDERS DIRECTV (877-423-3403) http://www.direct-deals.com/bundles.html Dish https://www.usdish.com/availability/il

HVAC Thoms Plumbing & HVAC, Inc. 300 S Walnut (217-794-3326) https://thomsplumbing.com/

INSURANCE Stoutenborough Insurance Agency 125 W Main (217-794-2245)

INTERNET MR Systems and Wireless Clinton, IL (217-935-2100) Rise Broadband (844-411-7473) Frontier http://internet.frontier.com/ (800-921-8101)

LAUNDRY Maroa Village Laundry 105 N Hickory

LAWN CARE George & Diane Campbell 401 N Wood (217-794-5281)

LIBRARY Maroa Public Library 305 E Garfield (217-794-5111)

LUMBER Maroa Lumber Co. 229 E Main (217-794-2226) http://www.maroalumber.com/

MASSAGE SPA Sarandipity Sanctuary (217-416-3657) 7272aburns@gmail.com

MOBILE HOME PARKS Maroa Manufactured Housing Community- 602 N. Wood St.- (217) 428-8500

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT Pest Outpost, LLC Tommy Agee 416 S Wood Street (217-794-2559) www.pestoutpost.com

<u>PARKS</u> Spencer Park (City Park) 500 E McKinley St (217-794-2206)

PEST CONTROL Pest Outpost, LLC Tommy Agee 416 S Wood Street (217-794-2559) www.pestoutpost.com

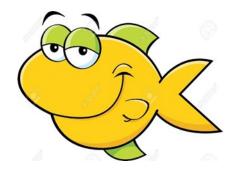


Saturday, March 16th , from 4:30- sold out Includes: Fish, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Dessert, &

Drink for \$15.

All proceeds go to the Maroa Masonic Lodge for Charitable Donations





An Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days and warm your heart and home, may good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam, May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures, May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours.

Chruch Services

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday Service - March 28 - 7pm at Christian Church - Pastor Mary Alice preaching

Good Friday Service - March 29 - 7pm - at United Methodist Church - Scott Marsh preaching

Easter Sunrise Service - 8am at Christian Church - Scott Marsh Preaching United Methodist Church - March 31 - 10:10 am - Pastor Mary Alice preaching

Also put in the following announcement - more info to follow

Baccalaureate - Wednesday 22 at 6:30.pm all are invited - come and help us honor our seniors

COFFEE SHOP

TLC Coffee House 543 S Wood Street (217-794-2668) https://www.tlccoffeehouse.com/

CONTRACTORS

Huffman Cabinet Co. 110 N Hickory (217-794-3301) Thoms Plumbing & HVAC Inc. 300 S Walnut (217-794-3326) <u>https://thomsplumbing.com/</u>

CRAFT BEER BAR

Full House Craft Beer Bar, LLC Justin Ford 103 W Main Street https://www.facebook.com/fullhousecraftbeerbar/

FERTILIZER COMPANIES

Evergreen FS 389 E. School Rd (217-794-2247) Maroa Ag N. Wood St (217-794-5117)

FUNERAL HOME

Calvert Funeral Home 202 S Wood (217-794-5554) https://www.calvertmemorial.com/

GAS/CONVENIENCE STORE

Casey's General Store 506 S Wood Street (217-571-5294) Freedom Oil 101 S Wood (217-280-4390)

GARBAGE-

GFL DISPOSAL-217-935-5652 Unique Dumpster Rental- 217-520-2725- 6564 W. Duroc Rd., Maroa

www.uniquedumpsters.com Facebook – http://www.facebook.com/ uniquedumpsterrental/

GRAIN ELEVATORS

Topflight Co-op Grain – 539 Emery Rd – 217.794.2240 Topflight Elevator – 103 N Oak – 217.794.5533

<u>GYM-</u>

Ballers Performance Club- 615 N. Wood St.info@ballersperformanceclub.com

HOME CARE

Lisa Cyrulik (217-620-6639) lcyrulik6168@gmail.com

APARTMENTS

Country Place Apartments 202 S Maple (217-794-5326) https://www.loc8nearme.com/illinois/maroa/country-place-maroa/5968612/ Hoyt Apartments 103 S. Walnut and 102 W Main (217-794-5414) C&R Properties 324 S Wood/105 W Madison/515 & 516 W Jackson St. (217-620-4888)

APPLE ORCHARD Bradshaw Farms - 14260 Lake Fork Ln, Maroa (907-671-3976) https://www.facebook.com/BradshawFarms4u/

ATTORNEYS Brown, Hawkins, Basola 112 E Main (217-794-3851 or 217-423-3411)

AUTO SALES Maroa Auto Sales 408 S Wood Street (217-412-1312) https://www.facebook.com/maroaautosales/

BACKHOE & HAULING Doak Backhoe, LLC 112 N Pine (217-412-9080 or 217-412-9454)

BANK Scott State Bank 110 E Main (217-794-2227)

BARBER SHOP Dunham's Barber Shop 111 E Main (217-794-3711) https://www.facebook.com/DunhamsMainStreetBarberShop/

CAR WASH

The Wood St. Car Wash Robert & Angela Sarver 406 S Wood Street (217-794-5234)

CEMETERIES

Maroa Cemetery E Washington and W Washington (Cara Doak-217-853-2044)

CHURCHES

Maroa Christian Church 430 E Main (217-794-3492) http://www.maroachristian.org/

Maroa United Methodist Church 202 N Walnut (217-794-2209) Parsonage (217-794-5550) https://www.loc8nearme.com/illinois/maroa/maroa-united-methodist-

church/6449861/



You wonder why Easter is so early this year?

Easter is determined by the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal (or spring) equinox. For example, in 2024, the vernal equinox is on 20th March and the following full moon is on 30th March. Therefore, Easter is on the 30th.







MAROA PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH EVENTS

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DR. SEUSS PARTY! March 2 | 9 - 11 am Drop in for Dr. Seuss activities and treats!

ANNUAL EGG HUNT March 30th at 10am Ages 10 and Under

Over 5000 eggs on the library lawn, weather permitting.

MARCH ONLY EVENTS

BINGOCIZE

Thursdays & Fridays | 11am Bingocize® strategically combines the game of bingo, exercise, and health education.

CHESS Wednesdays | 4pm

Open to all ages.

This class will meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 5pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

STAINED GLASS ART March 12 | 5:30 | RSVP Online Paint your very own stained glass creation. For ages 12 and up.

TEEN EGG STUFFING LUNCH March 13 | 11:45am | RSVP Online Earn service hours and help us fill thousands of eggs. Lunch provided to those who RSVP before the event.

3C SATURDAY March 16 | 10am

Join us for coffee and conversation while we stuff eggs for the annual egg hunt..

NOTABLE WOMEN OF ILLINOIS March 19| 5:30pm

Hear about the fascinating lives of some of the most influential women throughout the history of Illinois. No registration required.

EVENING BOOK CHAT

March 20 | 6-7pm Bring your favorite book from the past month along to discuss and share with others.

COOKING FOR 1 OR 2

March 26 | 5-6pm Join Uofl Extension and Memorial Hospital as we cook and sample recipes tailored for one or two people. For ages 18+.



The post office now receives Amazon packages. Packages will say arrived but that means at the Post Office. It is delivered the next day, as it comes into our office too late in the day. This has been causing

some confusion and I wanted to get this information out there.

On another note, we have had different people delivering the mail. They have noticed the following: no house numbers on houses, no numbers on the MAILBOX, no lids on the mailboxes. For those that have any of these, it makes it harder to find you and deliver your mail. Come Spring we hope you will take a minute to correct these issues.

Thank you and I wouldn't want to work anywhere else other than the community of Maroa!





AMERICAN STREET DREAMS

120 N Wood (217-794-2731) Facebook - <u>https://www.facebook.com/dreamcarscometrue/</u>

ANTIQUES

Campbell Antiques Tractors George Campbell (217-794-5281)

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - VISIT MAROA.LIB.IL.US/EVENTS TO STAY CURRENT





We want to thank everyone who helped us move in December. It was far from easy for these two senior citizens, but we got it accomplished with a lot of help from city guys; Tony Norton, Mike Hoffman, Jamie Zombro, Wes Dunham, Jeff Sautelet, and Kevin McCullough. We couldn't have done it without you all! Also, thanks to Arla and Karla Thomas, Charles Bliss, Robbie Mollett, Evelyn Creek, and our daughters Cathy and Connie for helping us "settle in". A special thank you to Steve Hale for going above and beyond to do so many things to help us! Thank you to all our friends who brought food and encouragement during this very difficult time for two seniors of Maroa. God bless you All!!

Elaine and Dave Hughes

The family of Marilyn Beck expresses our thanks to everyone for their kindness shown at the passing of our wife, mother, and grandmother. Thank you for the cards and expressions of comfort. Especially thank you Pastor Marsh, En-Habit Hospice, and Central Illinois Caregivers

The Faily of Marilyn Beck



Maroa Public Library District www.maroa.lib.il.us 305 E. Carfield St. (217)794-5111

APRIL EVENTS

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YARN ART

April 2 | 5:30PM | RSVP Online

Create a colorful yarn landscape using yarn and canvas. For ages 12 and up.

BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK April 9| 5-6pm | RSVP Online

Learn to be creative and conscious of your spending to stretch your dollars with Uofl Extension. Designed for adults.

CRAFT SWAP April 11 | 9am

Get a start on spring cleaning and bring your unwanted craft supplies to the library to trade with fellow crafters.

KIDS HALF_DAY EVENT April 17 | 1-3pm | RSVP Online

Make wishing slime, scratch a night sky, and color while watching one of the latest Disney movies. Open to grade schoolers.

MUSHROOM FAIRY HOUSE April 23 | 5:30pm | RSVP Online

Create a magical scene to honor Earth Day with terra cotta pots and other items. For ages 12 and up.

DIY KITS

Learn a different crafting technique each month with CreativeBug. We provide the materials. You complete on your own time. Free with RSVP.

CROCHET FLOWERS RSVP before 3/9

MACRAME KEYCHAIN RSVP before 4/6

ONGOING EVENTS

SEWING AT THE LIBRARY Tuesdays | 9-2pm

Bring your sewing/knitting supplies and enjoy conversation while working on personal projects.

SENIOR EXERCIES

Wednesdays & Fridays | 10-11am Let's move together with chair exercises and stretching.

BRAIN GAMES

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 11-12pm Join us as we exercise our brains after working our bodies.

ADULT BOOK CLUB March 29 & April 26 | 11am

Titles will be "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed and "The Sunshine Girls" by Molly Fader. Copies will be made available inside the library and online.

THURSDAY STORY TIME First and Third Thursdays | 10am

Meet other parents as your child reads stories with Mrs. Irons. Snacks and crafts included.



Origins of April Fools' Day

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of

March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools." These pranks included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Hilaria in Ancient Rome

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to festivals such as Hilaria (Latin for *joyful*), which was celebrated in ancient Rome at the end of March by followers of the cult of Cybele. It involved people dressing up in disguises and mocking fellow citizens and even magistrates and was said to be inspired by the Egyptian legend of Isis, Osiris and Seth.

There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

History of April Fools' Day

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

April Fools' Day Pranks

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and websites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences.

In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting **noodles from**

trees. In 1985, *Sports Illustrated* writer George Plimpton tricked many readers when he ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

In 1992, National Public Radio ran a spot with former President Richard Nixon saying he was running for president again... only it was an actor, not Nixon, and the segment was all an April Fools' Day prank that caught the country by surprise.



MAROA CITY HALL ELECTRONIC DROP-OFF

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024 8:00am - 12pm

ITEMS THAT CAN BE DROPPED OFF Answering machines, battery backups, camcorders, cameras, celluar/mobile phones, Christmas tree lights, computer keyboards, mice etc., desktop computers, DVD/CD players, Fax machines, Ink cartridges, laptops, mail-room equipment, networking equipment, & cables, pagers, point of sale equipment, power & accesory cables, power tools, printers (for large office printers please contact your local store), projectors, radios, receivers, satellite & cable equipment, shredders, speakers, smart phones, surge protectors and power strips, tablets, telephones, toner, VCR's, video game consoles. What items they DO NOT take: Anything with freon, kitchen or bathroom items, appliances, adhesives, paints, chemical of any kind, aerosol cans, air conditioning units, alkaline batteries, audio and video cassesttes, bathroom devices (electric razors, toothbrushes, etc.), Carbon monoxide/smoke detecots, CD's & DVD's, dehumidifiers, gas power tools, general rubbish, glass, Christmas light bulbs, humidifiers, lamps/light bulbs, lava lamps, live ammunition, mercury thermometers, microwaves, toasters, and other small kitchen appliances, needles of any sort, pre-lit Christmas trees, pressurized canisters of any kind, refriderators, stoves, and other large appliances, software, thermostats, toys, vacuum and floor cleaner.

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Trucks will make one pass through town. Please have all acceptable waste on the curb by 4 am Saturday, May 18th.

Bulky item cleanup

Get rid of old furniture, mattresses, and stuff you can't fit in a garbage curb or by 6 am collection day.

For Curbside Cleanup: 1. Volume limited to approximately 5 cubic yards of material. 2. Construction debris must be bundled, be less than 5-feet in length, and weigh less than 50 pounds per bundle. No nails sticking out of old wood. GFL can NOT take the following items: Tires, Paint, Batteries, Appliances (white goods), Yard Waste, Hazardous material (oil, gas, solvents), E-waste (computers, TV's, electronics) In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich. Google notoriously hosts an annual April Fools' Day prank that has included everything from "telepathic search" to the ability to play Pac Man on Google Maps.

For the average trickster, there is always the classic April Fools' Day prank of covering the toilet with plastic wrap or swapping the contents of sugar and salt containers.



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9th– Maroa Township Community Center Board Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

10th- Maroa Township Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.15th- Maroa Library Board Meeting @ Library @ 6:30 p.m.

22nd- Earth Day





3. No Concrete

SENIOR FREEZE

On May 8, 2024

The Senior Freeze will be held at the Township Building at 504 S. Wood Street

Times- 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The requirements are:

- Be at least 65 years old
- Occupy the home
- Household income less than \$65,000.00

Proof of income required.

Anyone turning 65 years old during the calendar year may signup for the senior exemption. Please bring ID.

If you have any questions call Barb Lamont at 217-468-2365.

MAROA TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

This is the Maroa Quadrennial Reassessment year. I will be out re-picturing all properties in the Township as the weather permits. This is in compliance with state statutes.

Barb Lamont

Maroa Township Assessor



May 7, 2024.