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HAPPY NEW YEAR



MAROA, A GREAT PLACE TO
CALL HOME !!!



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

Chief Fitzgerald, Officer Lawson, Officer Cooper & Officer Garcia

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

Mayor: Ryan Wilkey 217.972.1676

City Clerk: Crystal Parrott- 217.972.1684

City Treasurer: Randi Amettis-217.972.1685

City Administrator: Ted Agee- 217.972.1675

Aldermen/Alderwomen

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

City Engineers: Chastain & Associates

Call JULIE before you DIG: 1.800.892.0123

CITY HALL GYM

We know the weather will be changing and we see a lot of people walking during the day. If people need to get in from the outside and would like to walk in the gym during the colder season during our business hours, you are more than welcome to come to use the gym. Just call up at City Hall ahead of time and make sure there is no activity going on at the time and you will be more than welcome to use the gym.

City Hall has a gym available for rental use for special occasions and events. The gym is \$50.00 to rent and a \$120.00 deposit.



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.

Also please do not put cash in the drop box or medicine!

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 101 N Cedar (217-794-5115)
High School 610 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)

STORAGE

My Space Self Storage Greg & Debbie Oton 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)
alphadrainsillinois@gmail.com www.alphadrains.llc

TOWNSHIP

Jamie Zombro Maroa Township Commissioner 504 S Wood St
(217-520-4346)

TRUCKING

Braden Trucking 3033 W Washington (217-794-3772)
Cunningham Trucking 200 W Taft (217-794-5295)
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)

WELL DRILLING

Mashburn Well Drilling (217-794-3728)



JANUARY

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

7th– Mason Masonic Lodge Meeting at Masonic Lodge

7th– Maroa Township Community Center Board Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

8th– Maroa Township Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

9th– National Law Enforcement Day

16th– Maroa Zoning Board meeting– at City Hall @ 6 p.m.

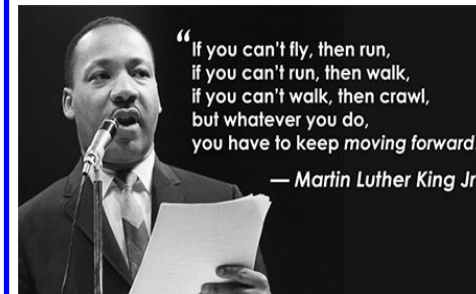
20th- School Board Meeting @ High School Library @ 6:30 p.m.

20th- Maroa Library Board Meeting @ Library @ 6 p.m.

20th– Martin Luther King Jr. Day

21st– Water Shut off for non-payment of bills at 9 a.m.

Happy New Year



DINNER & COMEDY

@ The Maroa City Hall Gym

Friday, January 17th

TICKETS

\$30 a Person

-or- \$50 a Couple

Ticket Cost Includes
Dinner & Show. Drinks
Sold Separately.

**Tickets Available
for Purchase at:**

FULL HOUSE
SCOTT STATE BANK
MAROA CITY HALL

COCKTAIL HOUR 530-630pm

DINNER 630-745pm

COMEDY 8-930pm

DJ 930-11pm

with Chicago
Comedy Legend
LARRY REEB

Catered
By:



Broaster Fried Chicken,
Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed
Potatoes, Green Beans,
Coleslaw, Rolls & Dessert



PHOTOGRAPHY

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or
217-358-8547 (please leave a message or text)

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)

RENTAL FACILITIES

The City Hall Gym 120 S Locust St (217-794-2206)
The Maroa Township Community Center 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>

SEALCOATING

J.W Sealcoating and Crack Filling Company Cell: (217) 917-5185
email: jd.backtoblack815@gmail.com



HOME CARE

Lisa Cyrulik (217-620-6639) lcyrulik6168@gmail.com
Laci Ziegler (217-413-2313) mylesk2013@yahoo.com



HVAC

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

INSURANCE

Stoutenborough Insurance Agency 125 W Main (217-794-2245)
Danneberger Insurance 223 E. Main Street (217) 358-2423
jacquedanberger@yahoo.com Health Ins.-Medicare Supplements,
Life Ins-MarketPlace enrollments

INTERNET

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

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)

LICENSED REAL ESTATE BROKER

Richard Kaufman 217-433-4085 Team Heritage
www.c21quest.com (Century 21 Quest-Farm & Ranch)

LUMBER

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

PEST CONTROL

Pest Outpost, LLC Tommy Agee 416 S Wood Street (217-794-2559)

FIVE REASONS WHY DATE NIGHTS MATTER FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

1. Brings Energy to Your Relationship

The most obvious reason for making a date night or evening away from home a priority is because it's the first step to getting out of the rut—alone time with just your spouse is the perfect way to energize your marriage.

2. Gives You Space and Time To Connect

Not only do you bring new energy to your marriage, getting away brings deeper connection with your spouse. You'll have quality conversations while looking at one another eye to eye. Date nights give you a few uninterrupted hours to talk, and nights away allow for longer and deeper conversation as well as opportunities to dream about the future.

3. Rekindles Romance and Increases Intimacy

Planning both regular date nights as well as overnight dates can increase the intimacy and passion in your marriage. . Spending time with your spouse, somewhere other than your home and bedroom, helps you remember why you fell in love, reignites passion in the moment, and maintains the relationship spark overtime.

4. Builds a Strong Foundation To Overcome Obstacles

Making date nights a priority where you focus on one another and nurture your relationship reinforces your commitment and better equips you to face future difficulties. You can't expect to just "feel" connected to your spouse when challenges arise if you haven't laid the groundwork. When you face trials in your jobs, with your children, or even amongst yourselves, you're going to need to rely on each other to help carry you through. When challenges come, you'll be able to lean on the strong bond you've built.

5. Sets an Important Example for Your Children

Choosing to care for your marriage is one amazing way to set your children up for success. Kids learn by example, so seeing their mom and dad make dating a priority, even though they're married and "see each other all the time," teaches them that they, too, should prioritize their relationships whether friendships now or marriage in the future. Allowing your little ones to see a healthy relationship firsthand is one of the greatest gifts you can give them.

Designating time to date your spouse is vital for the health of your marriage.

NEW FACES IN 2025!

We are excited to announce that Becky Newton will be stepping in as Library Director in January 2025. Becky's past experience and leadership makes her uniquely qualified and a welcome addition! Becky comes with experience working with the Illinois Heartland Library System after serving as the Mt. Zion Public Schools Elementary Librarian. Prior to that assignment, Becky served as the Director of Community Education at Lincoln Land Community College and Director of Recreation & Facilities for the Decatur Park District. Becky owns and operates Wren's Gate Garden & Studio.

Brody Gallup who is a sophomore at Maroa Forsyth High School will also be joining the Library as our new Student Aide in the new year.

We look forward to everyone getting to know Becky and Brody in 2025!



MFGS Winter Reading Challenge

Now through 1/17

Bingo boards are available at both the Maroa and Forsyth Public Libraries. Students are encouraged to complete the boards for special prizes and a grand prize drawing!

Check out our calendar for lots more events!

COUNSELING

Casie Laskowski, MA, CADC, LCPC, C-KAP
The Road Less Traveled Counseling
PO Box 521 Maroa, IL 61756
(217) 979-5857 (M-Th 9am-5pm)
Crisis: call 911 or 988

Emails, calls, and texts will be replied to within 24-hours of the next business day.

If you are in crisis and need immediate care, please call 911 or 988 or go to your local emergency room.

casie@theroadlesstraveledcounseling.net

<https://theroadlesstraveledcounseling.net/>

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 (217-794-5261)

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)

GYM

Ballers Performance Club- 615 N. Wood St.- [in-](mailto:info@ballersperformanceclub.com)

[fo@ballersperformanceclub.com](mailto:info@ballersperformanceclub.com)



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)

CAR RESTORATION

American Street Dreams

120 N Wood (217-794-2731)

CAR WASH

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

CATERING

Basket Case Catering Tracy Ferrill (217-433-2175)

CEMETERIES

Maroa Cemetery E Washington and W Washington (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/>

COFFEE SHOP

TLC Coffee House 543 S Wood Street (217-794-2668)

<https://www.tlccoffeehouse.com/>

COMMUNITY CENTER

Sheila H. 217-853-4707

CONTRACTORS

Huffman Cabinet Co. 110 N Hickory (217-794-3301)

Thoms Plumbing & HVAC Inc. 300 S Walnut (217-794-3326)



RESOLVE TO EAT HEALTHY

With Uofl Extension (RSVP online)



Building Better Bites

1/7 5:30pm



Heart Smart Eating

2/4 2pm



Air Frying 101

2/25 5:30pm

Components of Customer Service

1/15 4:30pm

With Ellen Hearn (RSVP online)

A class designed for teens and young adults.



MAROA PUBLIC LIBRARY

217-794-5111 Tu, W, Th 9-6

marp.illshareit.com F 9-3

305 E. Garfield St. Sa 9-1

IN CASE OF SNOW EVENT

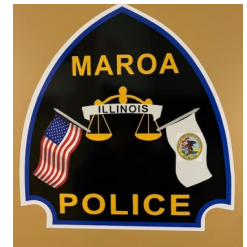
It is that time of year that snow can happen anytime. So to be prepared please have all vehicles moved off of Main Street in a timely manner during a snow event so the city street crews can keep the roadways cleared. Any vehicles left during a snow event of two inches or more will be subject to being towed at owners expense.



NEWS FROM MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas. Have a fun and safe New Years.

Regards,
Chief Fitzgerald



BUSINESS DIRECTORY



ANTIQUES

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

APARTMENTS

Country Place Apartments 202 S Maple (217-794-5326)

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)

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.)

Each year, we will call our nation's citizens to action in support of law enforcement. Those citizens who appreciate law enforcement and are discouraged about the negative attention being given to law enforcement are encouraged to take time on January 9th to show their support. Partnering organizations in support of law enforcement officers nationwide will promote National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.). In light of recent negativity directed toward law enforcement nationally, there is a need to show law enforcement officers that our citizens recognize the difficult and sometimes impossible career they have chosen, in public service to us all. You can show your support in a number of ways:

- Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement.
- Send a card of support to your local police department or state agency.
- Share a story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media.
- Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement.
- Participate in Project Blue Light - Proudly display your blue light in support of law enforcement.
- Advertise your support through local media outlets/billboards.
- Post the public service announcement supplied by C.O.P.S. to your organization's webpage or social media pages.
- Coordinate and/or participate in a Blue Blood Drive.

Most importantly, if you see a police officer, thank a police officer.

LADIES IN THE OFFICE OF CITY HALL

Well it is 2025 and we would like to start the new year off right!! We would like to remind everyone how important it is to have your up-to-date contact information. If someone was to have a leak, that shows up in our system we would not be able to contact them if we do not have the correct information in our system. Also, if the guys need to shut your water down for something planned that they need to work on we would like to be able to notify you ahead of time. We can not do that if we do not have the correct information!

So if you have changed your number or just would like to call and verify we have the correct information that would be great! Just call up at City Hall at 217-794-2206 and give Randi or Crystal your updated information or to verify we have the correct information.

We want to be able to serve you the best that we can. Thank you in advance.



FEBRUARY

2nd- Ground Hog Day

3rd- City Council Meeting-City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

4th- Mason Masonic Lodge Meeting at Masonic Lodge

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

7th-National Wear Red Day& American Heart Month

9th- Super Bowl LIX

11th- Maroa Township Community Center Board Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

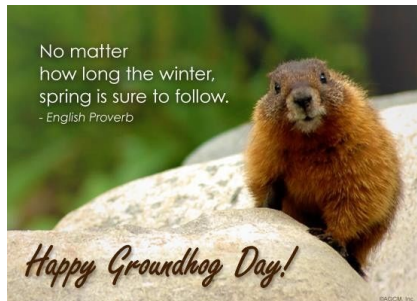
12th- Maroa Township Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

14th- Valentine's Day

17th- School Board Meeting @ High School Library @ 6:30 p.m.

17th- President's Day

17th- Maroa Library Board Meeting @ Library @ 6 p.m.



Super Bowl



Word Search Puzzle

C J T U C R C T R G I L S J D A
 H O I P O E R A O F F E N S E D
 A L A R M W R R L M A L F E F V
 M O S I P H E O E A D R U P E E
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 S T A D I U M S E G E W S O N L

STADIUM

OFFENSE

UPRIGHTS

FOOTBALL

SCORE

QUARTERBACK

TOUCHDOWN

KICKOFF

REFEREE

DEFENSE

PENALTY

FUMBLE

CHAMPIONSHIP

GRIDIRON

COMMERCIALS

Super Bowl LIX

Super Bowl LIX is the upcoming American football championship game of the National Football League (NFL) for the 2024 season. The game is scheduled to be played on February 9, 2025, at the Caesars Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

It will be the eighth Super Bowl played in the Superdome, and the 11th in the city of New Orleans, the most recent being Super Bowl XLVII in 2013, held in the same venue (then called Mercedes-Benz Superdome). The game will be televised nationally by Fox.

NFL games typically kick off a bit earlier in the day, however the Super Bowl is always an exception. Super Bowl 2025 kicks off at 3:30 p.m. PST, following several hours of pregame coverage.

Kendrick Lamar will be performing at the Super Bowl 2025.



Name: _____

Date: _____

Find the words listed. Words may appear forward, backward, up, down or diagonal. Words may overlap and cross each other. When you have found a word, be sure to circle it and cross it off the list.



February
Word Search



- AFFECTION
- AMETHYST
- AQUARIUS
- BIRTHDAY
- CANDLELIGHT
- CARD
- CHOCOLATE
- CUPID
- DATE
- DINNER
- ENGAGEMENT
- FLOWERS
- GROUNDHOG
- HEART
- HUG
- KISS
- LEAP YEAR
- LINCOLN
- LOVE
- MARRIAGE
- PINK
- PISCES
- PRESIDENT
- PROPOSAL
- RED
- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SWEETHEART
- VALENTINE
- WASHINGTON

W T K Z A Q U A R I U S N M M P M J
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The Maroa-Forsyth Christmas Baskets would like to thank the many organizations and people that have collected/bought toys, donated money and contributed their time this 2024 year!

The group would like to give a personal thank you to:

Maroa-Forsyth Football Team and Coaches

Maroa Scott State Bank

Maroa Quilting Group

Maroa City Hall

Maroa Methodist Church

Maroa-Forsyth Grade School

Maroa-Forsyth Middle School

Maroa-Forsyth High School

Maroa Community Members

Forsyth Community Members



MAROA FORSYTH FOOTBALL BOYS



A BIG 
Thank
YOU

The City would like to send a big thank you out to Crystal Whetstone, Barb Wilkey, and Brad Wilkey who are in charge of the Christmas basket Project. They do an awesome job every year. Without them this would not be possible! So thank you all for taking time and doing this for the community it is greatly appreciated!!! They are the heart that keeps this project a beating! You all rock!!!!