



Happy New



Year



2024



**MAROA CITY HALL HOURS**

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

Phone: 217.794.2206

**Website:** www.maroaininois.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

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**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

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**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

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

**City Engineers:** Chastain & Associates

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Call JULIE before you DIG: 1.800.892.0123

# Hello January

**2nd**– Mason Masonic Lodge Meeting at Masonic Lodge

**4nd**- American Legion 6 p.m. at Library

**8th**– City Council Meeting-City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**9th**– National Law Enforcement Day

**15th**– Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**16th**- School Board Meeting @ High School Library @ 6:30 p.m.

**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.

**23rd**– Water Shut off for non-payment of bills at 9 a.m.

**25th**– Maroa Zoning Board meeting– at City Hall @ 6 p.m.



# **NEWS FROM 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

# **LADIES IN THE OFFICE OF CITY HALL**

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 have noticed lately that there are several people that their numbers have changed or are no longer working. So, if you feel we do not have your correct information please call City Hall at 217-794-2206 and give Randi or Crystal your updated information please.

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



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 2023 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**



# Will the Groundhog See His Shadow in 2024?

According to our own [Groundhog Day predictions](#), we expect to see cloudy skies on February 2, which means that Phil will not see his shadow and will predict an early spring. What's in store for spring?



**1st-** American Legion 6 p.m. at Library

**2nd-** Ground Hog Day

**5th-** City Council Meeting-City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

**6th-** Mason Masonic Lodge Meeting at Masonic Lodge

**12th-** School Board Meeting @ High School Library @ 6:30 p.m.

**13th-** Maroa Township Community Center Board Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

**14th-** Maroa Township Meeting @ Township Building @ 6:30 p.m.

**14th-** Valentine's Day

**17h-** Presidents Day

**19th-** Maroa Library Board Meeting @ Library @ 6:30 p.m.



# Groundhog Day

P B W S D Z M P Z O E D O J C G O  
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BURROW

EMERGE

FORECAST

HOLIDAY

SPRING

CLOUDY

FEBRUARY

GROUNDHOG

PREDICTION

UNDERGROUND

COLD

FESTIVAL

HIBERNATE

SHADOW

WINTER

# MAROA LIVESTOCK 4-H CLUB

The Maroa Livestock 4-H Club loves giving back to the community. In October, the club donated a basket of goodies for the Maroa Forsyth High School Volleyball PINK night. At the November meeting, members brought boxes of macaroni and cheese to donate to the Maroa Library Food Pantry. Finally, in December, the club decorated a tree at city hall for Christmas.

Find out more about the Maroa Livestock 4-H Club on Facebook or contact the Macon County Extension Office. Happy New Year from Maroa Livestock!

Kennedy Rusk  
Club Reporter  
Age 11







To Make the Best  
**BETTER**



# FEBRUARY

**2nd- Ground Hog Day**

**2nd-National Wear Red Day& American Heart Month**

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The entire month of February is also a time to bring awareness to many important causes, like *American Heart Month*

## Heart Attack, Stroke and Cardiac Arrest Symptoms

If these warning signs are present CALL 911

### **Heart Attack Symptoms**

#### **CHEST DISCOMFORT**

Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

#### **DISCOMFORT IN OTHER AREAS OF THE UPPER BODY**

Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

#### **SHORTNESS OF BREATH**

with or without chest discomfort.

#### **OTHER SIGNS**

may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

### Stroke Symptoms

Spot a stroke F.A.S.T.

#### **FACE DROOPING**

Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.

#### **ARM WEAKNESS**

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

#### **SPEECH DIFFICULTY**

Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "the sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

#### **TIME TO CALL 911**

If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 911 and get them to the hospital immediately.



American  
Heart  
Association®

# IN CASE OF SNOW EVENT

It is that time of year! We want to make sure in the event of snow that people are prepared so we are asking if people could 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 the owners ex-





# MAROA TOWNSHIP NEWS

Your Maroa Township:

Trustees: Alan Ruwe  
Dan Marsh  
Tom Ferrill  
Kyle Amettis

Township Supervisor: Lorene Weikle 217-620-5571

Township Road Commissioner: Jamie Zombro

Township Assessor: Barb Lamont

Township Cemeteries: Cara Doak

We Would like to share some programs that might help you in these times of need.

A program managed by the Illinois Housing Development Authority:

CBRAP-Court-Based Rental Assistance Program-

<https://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/cbrap>

This program can provide funding to Illinois tenants and landlords who have pending cases in eviction court.

<https://evictionhelpillinos.org> offers FREE legal assistance to tenants and landlords.

[www.illinoishousinghelp.org/ilhaf](http://www.illinoishousinghelp.org/ilhaf) Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) can provide mortgage assistance to eligible homeowners. Call center: (866) 454-3571 8am to 5pm

# MAROA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## JANUARY EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	+	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## KIDS EVENTS

### THURSDAY STORY TIME

First and Third Thursdays | 10am

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

### PADDINGTON & PANCAKES

January 24 | 1-3pm | RSVP Online

Grade school students are invited to join us for a special Paddington celebration with pancakes!

### SURVIVING THE ZOMBIE

#### APOCALYPSE

Thursdays | 3:30-4:45pm | RSVP online

4th through 8th graders will learn about survival skills for a zombie apocalypse or other natural disaster. Register before January 2nd.

## NEW ADULT EVENTS

### NOTABLE WOMEN OF ILLINOIS

January 9 | 5:30pm

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

### NAVIGATING SENIOR HOUSING

January 12 | 1-2pm

Topics will include living options, cost and insurance considerations, and support for aging in place.

### BINGOCIZE

Thursdays & Fridays | 11am

Bingocize® strategically combines the game of bingo, exercise, and health education.

### WATERCOLOR ART

January 16 | 5:30-6:30pm | RSVP Online

Use watercolor, pen, and tape to design an interesting creation all your own.

### EVENING BOOK CHAT

January 17 | 6-7pm

Bring your favorite book from the past month along to discuss and share with others.

### MIXED MEDIA ART

January 30 | 5:30-6:30pm | RSVP Online

Join us for a fun and relaxing class where you learn how to make a simple mixed media wall hanging..



Let's collaborate together with a fun checkout challenge. Come inside to help us reveal something cool. ;)

DETAILS SUBJECT TO CHANGE - VISIT [MAROA.LIB.IL.US/EVENTS](http://MAROA.LIB.IL.US/EVENTS) TO STAY CURRENT



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



## FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

### CHESS WITH ERIN

**Wednesdays | 4pm in February**

This class will meet on Wednesdays in February from 4 to 5pm. Open to all ages.

### DIABETES SELF MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**6 Wednesdays | 1-3:30PM | RSVP**

Participants can register by calling 217-423-6550. This is a 6-session course, meeting Wednesdays, 2/7 through 3/13.

### HERB GARDENING

**February 9 | 11am**

Come learn all about growing Herbs with the Macon County Master Gardeners.

### PLATE CRAFT

**February 13 | 5-6pm | RSVP Online**

Use paint markers and an oven-safe plate to make super-sweet platters.

### SUGAR SCRUB

**February 27 | 5:30-6:30pm | RSVP Online**

Back by popular demand! For those who were unable to attend in December.

## DIY KITS

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

### KNOTTED PANTRY BAG

**RSVP before 1/16**

### ICE DYE TOP

**RSVP before 2/11**

## ONGOING EVENTS

### SEWING AT THE LIBRARY

**Tuesdays | 9-2pm**

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

### SENIOR EXERCISES

**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

**January 26 | 11am**

Inspired by our "Notable Women of Illinois" event, we chose the classic biography written by Jane Addams, "Twenty Years at Hull-House." Copies available inside and online.

# NEWS FROM MAROA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Maroa Police Department would like to extend warm wishes and cheers to the upcoming New Year to all our fine citizens.

With the colder weather upon us, we would like to remind everyone to ensure we all take the time to

prepare for possible breakdowns. It is always a good idea to keep a bag with a winter hat, gloves, blanket, a flashlight, an emergency contact list, and maybe a snack or two! Being prepared for an emergency often can make all the difference.

Now that construction is complete on Us Rt 51, we have noticed and received several complaints concerning vehicles speeding. We are asking all motorists to be mindful of the speed limit not only on Rt. 51, but all roads in the City of Maroa. We continue to conduct traffic safety enforcement on all roads, however, to address complaints, special attention will be given to Rt. 51.

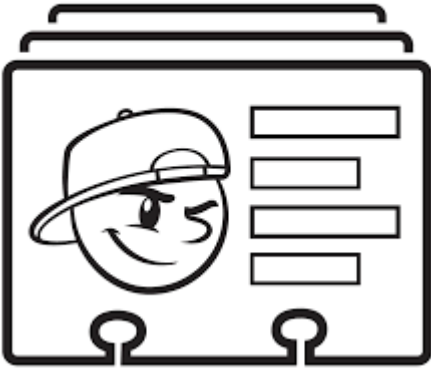
Happy New Year to all and please be safe!

Chief Bobby Fitzgerald





# BUSINESS DIRECTORY



## **AMERICAN STREET DREAMS**

120 N Wood (217-794-2731)

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/dreamcarscometrue/>

## **ANTIQUES**

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

## **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)

## **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 (217-848-3130)

## **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/>

## **CONTRACTORS**

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

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

<https://thomsplumbing.com/>

## **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](http://www.uniquedumpsters.com) Facebook – [http://www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/uniquedumpsterrental/)

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## **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.- [info@ballers](mailto:info@ballersperformanceclub.com)

[performanceclub.com](http://ballersperformanceclub.com)

## **HOME CARE**

Lisa Cyrulik (217-620-6639) [lcyrulik6168@gmail.com](mailto:lcyrulik6168@gmail.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

[jacquedanneberger@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquedanneberger@yahoo.com) Health Insurance-Medicare Supplements Life Insurance- Marketplace Enrollments

## **INTERNET**

MR Systems and Wireless Clinton, IL (217-935-2100)

Rise Broadband (844-411-7473) [www.risebroadband.com](http://www.risebroadband.com)

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)

Gillespie's Lawn Care & Home Improvement- 222 N Maple Street PO Box 31 (217-855-6355)

Walters Lawn Care DJ Walters (217-859-6811)

## **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](http://www.pestoutpost.com)

## **PARKS**

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](http://www.pestoutpost.com)

## **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](mailto:alphadrainsillinois@gmail.com) [www.alphadrains.llc](http://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  
<http://www.usdish.com/availability/il>

## **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)

[www.pestoutpost.com](http://www.pestoutpost.com)

## **STORAGE**

My Space Self Storage Greg Ooton 15405 N Wood (217-794-5015 or 217-201-0589)

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](http://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)

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)

<https://www.Pwllc.com>

## **WELL DRILLING**

Mashburn Well Drilling (217-794-3728)

<https://mashburnwelldrillinginc.com/>

# *A Friendly Reminder*

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 has 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](http://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](mailto: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.

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