



Marshall Lions Club

Summer 2014 Newsletter

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Club Meetings are usually held the 2nd Wednesday and last Thursday of every Month

- At the Marshall Community Center, 226 Madison Street, Marshall, WI (Fall, Winter & Spring)
- At Lions Park in the Summer months (203 Hubbell Street in Marshall)
- Please visit our www.sightfirst.com website and follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/MarshallLionsClub](https://www.facebook.com/MarshallLionsClub) (we currently have over 200 followers!)

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Marshall Lions: We sponsor a Park and Serve the Community!

Almost ten years ago, the Marshall Lions teamed up with the Village of Marshall to create Lions Park. The goal was to create a community park in a high visibility location that could house Lions events and fundraisers while also being available to the community for everyone's enjoyment.

The Village provided undeveloped land at the edge of the residential neighborhood along Highway 73 adjacent to the Mauneshia dam for the park. While the Village still owns the land and the park is part of the Village's park system, the Lions developed and continue to work to ensure that Lions Park is a true community park.

For example, two Eagle Scout projects have provided an information sign kiosk to post community events, and bird and

bat houses for the gardens. The Girl Scouts help with planting and weeding in the native planting and rain gardens. The Lions voted unanimously in

- A unique drinking fountain featuring a refurbished Lion head.

Mom and Dad can walk their children to Lions Park for a fishing outing, cookout, or exercise while watching the kids play. Lions Park is available to support other events. If you wish to schedule the park, please contact a Lion member.

The popular Community Brat Frys, put on by the Lions, help pay for park improvements. The first brat fry of 2014 will coincide with the city-wide rummage sale starting on Friday, May 9th.

Those interested in making a donation to the Lions Park improvements can call Lion Lee at 608-655-4474 or Lion Paul at 608-655-1354.

Roar on!



favor of over \$35,000 of improvements to Lions Park to include:

- A fishing dock with a canoe and kayak landing that provides 235 square feet of recreation space right on the water. The dock is ADA compliant.
- A play & exercise area.

Marshall Lions Fisheree is Marshall's Biggest Winter Event!

The Marshall Lions turned the icy Mauneshia River into an outdoor playground for over 1500 people that participated in their 10th Annual Ice Fisheree Festival on January 17-18, 2014. The winter event has become the Lions most successful fundraiser that community members look forward to each year. "We have something for everyone of every age to do", remarked event Chair Lion Lee Hellenbrand. The slate of events seems to grow each year having fishing, hunting,

snow sculpting, broomball, ice skating, Texas Hold 'em, euchre, a DJ and multiple raffles taking place during the 1 ½ day event.

The fishing contest had over 100 participants and it seems that the Lions fish stocking efforts are paying off as many fish were caught. The largest fish was an 11 1/2" .383 kg crappie! Many participants placed the ice fishing shanties on the ice and slept overnight to get an early start when fishing opened at 6 a.m. on Saturday. Over \$25,000 in cash and other

prizes were given away. Donations of cash and food were collected for the Marshall-Waterloo food pantry as well.

Participants appreciated the improvements made in heating the building used at Fireman's Park, and enjoyed a great day outside watching and participating in the many tournaments around campfires. The fisheree draws people of all ages, and we look forward to you joining us next year, scheduled to be the third weekend in January 2015.

Lions Riverfest/ Steak & Lobster Event is fun for the whole family!



This summer on Saturday August 9, 2014, will be the annual Lions Club Riverfest at Fireman's Park featuring the well-received steak and lobster dinner opportunity. This event began years ago as an effort to provide a meal featuring steak, lobster and locally produced corn to interested community members. Now the event has grown to include events for the whole family, including free canoe rides provided by a group that promotes learning about Wisconsin's fur and trade history; vintage car and tractor shows, bean bag tournaments, and a carp rodeo. The carp



rodeo encourages kids under 15 to fish for carp in the Mauneshia River, and are rewarded with \$1 per carp and the opportunity for other prizes.

Cash and other raffles also draw interest, and music and entertainment encourages participants to mingle with their friends, family and neighbors.

A planning committee is working on identifying more activities for this year, but rest assured, the event will continue to feature the opportunity for a reasonably priced meal and an opportunity to test your willpower at the dessert table. Hope to see you there!

The Gift of Sight!



The Marshall Lions help give the gift of sight in December by participating in the Cornea Transport Network, transporting eye tissue to and from the Lions Eye Bank of Wisconsin (LEBW) in Madison. The Marshall Lions serve twice a year with the Deerfield Lions Club. The drivers are either Lions Club members or friends of the Club who are passionate about helping others. "I do it because it is a way of giving back to the

community and helping others in need. I feel honored to do it," said Lion Friend Edna Huggett who has been making transports with the Club for a year. "It's really the pony express of donor eye tissue that runs throughout the state," said Lion Jerry Rabbach, Community Relations Specialist with the LEBW. The Marshall Lions are one of 325 Lions Clubs in Wisconsin that make roughly 4000 transports each year that aver-

age 110 miles round trip, totaling an estimated 440,000 miles. Most of these transports are done at the expense to the individual doing the transports and all drivers seem to share the same attitude of selfless service. Other projects include eye screening at Marshall Public Schools, recycling of used eyeglasses, and providing eye exams and eyeglasses for those in need in and around the community.

Meet a Lion!



Lion Nathan Schmid joined the Marshall Lions Club in 2012, and immediately became an active member. You may have seen him serving at one of our summer brat frys, or maybe you remember him being brave enough to wear the 'hot dog' costume at the Fireman's Festival Parade. Nathan became familiar with the Lions as a child, when he began attending Lions Camp in Rosholt, WI for

the Hard of Hearing. The camp provides focused services for approximately 500 children annually, and Nathan has attended both the youth and adult camps. In fact, his Grandpa was a Beaver Dam Lion who helped build the youth camp. Nathan proudly wears his Grandpa's Lions pin around his neck as you see in the accompanying picture. Nathan joined the Lions because he

believes in community service and enjoys seeing the impact the club has made in Marshall. He is an active participant in Lions club events, and would like to help figure out ways to serve the hard of hearing similar to the Lions eyesight programs. Nathan enjoys hunting, and recently returned from the races in Vegas! Say Hi to Nathan and ask him about the Lions Club and how to join.

Lions Clubs International is the largest service club organization in the world!

Lions are everywhere.

We're men and women active in more than 200 countries and geographic areas.

Lions serve. Our motto is "We Serve." Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness, but we also feed the hungry, aid seniors and the disabled, and care for the environment. Lions are a global service network of volunteers that make a difference in their local communities.

Lions give sight. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and rais-

ing awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward the goal of providing vision for all.

Through programs such as SightFirst, Lions have helped provide more than 147 million treatments for river blindness, 10 million doses of a sight-saving drug to prevent trachoma, and eye screenings for more than 15 million children.

Since 1968, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has awarded more than \$811 million in grants to support Lions' humanitarian projects.

As the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs Interna-

tional, LCIF helps Lions improve the lives of millions of people through four pillars of service: saving sight, supporting youth, providing disaster relief and meeting humanitarian needs.

Through the Foundation's generous support of large-scale humanitarian initiatives, Lions are able to extend their reach from local communities to the global community in order to serve those who need us most.

The Marshall Lions Club supports the international mission, and is also proud to support Marshall community and individual needs.



Lions Halloween & Coat Drive

Every year the Marshall Lions host a Halloween event and a Coat Drive at Lions Park, 203 Hubbell Street in Marshall.

Candy, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and hot dogs are given out to the ghosts, goblins and trick or treaters at Lions Park.

During this time, the Lions are also accepting clean, gently used and new winter coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, mit-



tens and boots for kids and adults in the area in need. With cold weather approaching, The Marshall Lions Coats for Kids program partners with the Marshall Schools where winter outerwear is provided to school kids and adults in need. With money at fundraisers throughout the year, the Marshall Li-

ons allocates up to \$2,000 each year for winter apparel for mostly kids but also adults who may need winter coats, boots, hats, gloves, etc.

The Lions work in conjunction with school counselors TJ Hansen and Becky Denniston and Lions friend Kristin Wehking to distribute items anonymously when they are needed. "When the first snow or cold temps hit, we can see the needs right away and the Lions are always ready to help," said Hansen.

If you or Someone you know needs help....Contact any Lions Club member or email us!

Help or donation requests of a sensitive nature will be handled with the utmost discretion.

Typically people requesting help or donations make their initial request to any Lions Club Member or directly to the Civic Affairs Chairperson to request help or monetary donations. The Civic Affairs Committee may ask the person or group to speak in front of the club at a

future club meeting so all the club members can hear the request. If the request is for a kid's organization, the kids should make the request themselves. We request the following information when making a request for a donation:

Introductions and brief explanation of the group, project or need the funds are being requested for

- What other funding sources or fundraising efforts have been tried or will be?
- How much money is being requested?
- How close is the person or group to their goal?
- Why is this a good cause for the Lions to support?
- When is money needed by and to whom/what organization? (name, address, phone, email)

Note: While we wish them the utmost success, the Marshall Lions do not support elite traveling sports teams or similar groups where there is not equal opportunity for others to play.

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We Serve

The Marshall Lions are celebrating 35 years of service to the Marshall community!

Since 1979 the Marshall Lions have offered people the opportunity to give something back to the community and those in need. From involving members in projects as local as improving Lions' Park or as far-reaching as bringing sight to the world's blind, the Marshall Lions have always embraced those committed to building a better, brighter future for our community.

Our club with more than 60 men and women members are part of a worldwide network of over 1.4 million members compassionate, service minded people in 46,000 clubs in 200 countries. Our programs are continually changing to meet new needs and greater demands, but our mission has never wavered: "We Serve!"

Our club usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday and the last Thursday of every month at 7pm. Our location varies, email us or contact a Lion for more information!

We're on the Web!
www.sightfirst.com

2014 Marshall Lion's Club Calendar of Events

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Upcoming Events:

12 April Youth Turkey Hunt

13 April: Spaghetti Dinner (@ American Legion) & East Egg Hunt (@ Fireman's Park)

25 April Arbor Day

9 May Brat Fry @ Lions Park (in conjunction w/ Village garage sale)

13 June Brat Fry @ Lion's Park

12 July Lions Milwaukee Brewer bus trip vs St. Louis Cardinals

22 June Brat Fry (in conjunction with Fireman's Day Parade)

23 July Youth Exchange Picnic

9 August Lions Riverfest/Steak & Lobster

31 October Halloween & Coat Drive @ Lion's Park

6 December- Lions Giving Tree