

in the 1980s. It is believed to be from the German freighter, “Nordmeer”, which ran aground on November 19, 1966 in Thunder Bay, near Alpena, Michigan. By 2008, the 8,300 pound anchor and its base had fallen into disrepair. Both were renovated and rededicated that year by the Historical Society of Marine City, with the assistance of the city. As part of that renovation, the Malcolm family located the original thick, link chain and installed it here with its anchor to complete the display.

Nautical Park

South Water Street near Bridge Street

Propeller

The origin of this propeller is unknown. It was, however, used by a ship sailing the Great Lakes and was raised from the St. Clair River north of Marine City, near the Marwood Bar. It was erected and dedicated by the Marine City Rotary Club.

Community Pride & Heritage Museum

405 Main Street at St. Clair Street

Anchor

This anchor is from the steamer “New Orleans”, built in Marine City in 1885 by shipbuilders Morley & Hill. The “New Orleans” was hit and sunk by the steamer “William A. Linn” on June 30, 1906, in Thunder Bay. This anchored was found and then recovered by Jack Thompson of Alpena, Michigan, and donated to the museum in 1985.



Large Bell

The Community Pride & Heritage Museum building has served many purposes over the years. It originated as a school- the Newport Academy, Newport being our town’s original name. The ringing of this bell called Marine City’s sons and daughters to school here in what was a town square in the 19th century.

Small Bell

This bell served the Cherry Beach Hotel, located in the small resort community of Cherry Beach, south of Marine City.

Plow

This is a walking plow, circa 1870.

Blacksmith Shop

Another “last” for Marine City, this is Al Kellogg’s blacksmith shop, the final such business in town. Originally located on West Blvd., it moved to S. Mary, and donated and relocated here for preservation in 1986.

Mariner’s Maze

Coming soon- interactive historical artwork at the waterfront in Marine City.

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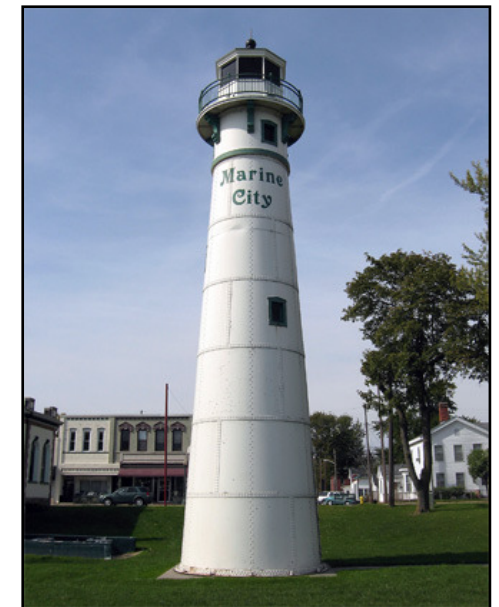
Marine City’s

Outdoor

Maritime Museum

*Relics and artifacts of the golden era of
Great Lakes shipping in
Marine City and Michigan*

*On display, at no charge, in Marine
City’s parks and public places.
Stroll it or drive it anytime of year!*



Heritage Square

Broadway (M-29) at Main Street

Old City Hall

City Hall was built in 1884, early in Marine City's heyday. As many as 13 ship-building companies existed in Marine City; the wealth generated by this industry contributed to this George Dewitt Mason design, as large as many county buildings. In constant use through 2006, it is slated for refurbishment and reuse.



Heritage Square Bandstand

Again, the wealth brought into the community by shipping provided much for the citizenry, including entertainment. This bandstand, frequently referred to as a gazebo, is a replica, built and dedicated in 1974 by Community Pride and Heritage to replace the original, which had fallen into disrepair.

Ship's Rudder

This rudder marks the end of a grand era in Marine City: it comes from the "Protector", the last wooden ship built on the shores of the Belle River here. Michigan timber, which also helped build the homes and cities of the U.S.'s westward expansion, was replaced in the construction of ships and freighters by stronger and non-flammable iron and steel.

Union School Bell

Although not nautical in nature, this bell is part of Marine City's history; it called the

children of captains, sailors, and ship's cooks to the old Union School. The school, built in 1870, was located several blocks north at the corner of Washington Street and was in service until it burnt down in 1899. The bell was salvaged by Community Pride and Heritage and rededicated here in 1974.

Ship's Capstan

It is unknown which ship this capstan serviced. We do know capstans mainly were used to raise the anchor, but also to assist pulling the ship into a pier. This one is not of modern vintage, as it is hand-powered.

Broadway Park

Broadway at Water Street

Naval Gun

This is a U.S. Navy 3" 50 caliber anti-aircraft gun, used on different types of warships until the 1980s. Obviously, it's not particularly part of Marine City's history, but we have two interesting notes about it: First, it was also secured for the city by Community Pride and Heritage, but needed to be transported here from its original site. Coincidentally, about that time a wayward truck driver destroyed a city fire hydrant, a transgression which could have cost him \$750. In an inspired trade, he was allowed to retrieve this gun instead. Second, this gun was placed here pointing to our neighboring city of St. Clair. The reason for this is not known, as we get along just fine with them today!

Lighthouse Park

South Water Street near Washington Street

Peche Island Lighthouse

Standing 60' tall and weighing 35 tons, this lighthouse, technically a range light, originally guided boat traffic near Peche Island, located on the Ontario side of the Detroit River, just east of Belle Isle.

Originally slated to be torn down and sold for scrap, the lighthouse was salvaged by Michigan National Corporation, parent to the former Michigan National Bank located at the time across the street from this site. In 1983, it was donated as a gift to the city, intended to be the first artifact in a planned marine museum in this park. That museum never materialized, but the lighthouse, combined with other nautical artifacts located near the waterfront, comprise our current Outdoor Maritime Museum.

It was erected in 1908 and decommissioned in 1982. When available for entry and ascent, it provides a dramatic view of the St. Clair River from Lake Huron to the fresh water delta known as "The Flats" at the entry to Lake St. Clair, the unofficial sixth Great Lake.

Drake Park

South Water Street near St. Clair Street

Ship's Anchor

Salvaged by local maritime business Malcolm Marine, Inc., this anchor was donated to the Marine City Lions Club for its installation here

