

MARION OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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OCALA, FL 34473
Website: www.Moca1973.org

Gen. M.O. Membership Meeting

Date: January 14, 2025

Establish a Quorum (57) members in Attendance plus 13 Guests,
Call to Order: Florence Charbonneau, President at 7:00 PM
Prayer by Florence Charbonneau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Recognition: Camilo Banchon was recognized for his service and dedication in assisting Marion Oaks Civic Association during his on the job training last year. Camilo assisted Director Jose Torres with designing our new logo, our social media page on Facebook and Instagram along with the redesign of our new website. In addition, he assisted in countless projects using his design talents along with photography assistance. We wish him the best of luck with his new job at the World Equestrian Center.

Safety Report – Lt. Rosa

Deputies assigned to the Marion Oaks District during month of December 2024, arrested 35 people, for 21 felony charges, 23 misdemeanor charges, served 9 warrants, conducted 67 traffic stops, conducted 47 sex offender checks, worked 17 domestic violence cases, wrote 105 long form reports, wrote 61 follow-up reports, dispatched 1,084 calls for service, and worked a total of 1,351-man hours for the month.

Guest Speakers: Sheriff Billy Woods

Sheriff Woods started by thanking the CERT team (Emergency Response) for their work and especially for their work during hurricane season last year.

Sheriff Woods stated that Marion Oaks is very good in that the crime rate is even below the Ocala National Forest rate. He stated that the county as a whole is very good and that the crime rate has reduced by 12% in the last 8 years since he took office. That includes crimes from petty theft to homicide. One of the largest crimes in the county is in the construction areas from supplies to even equipment. They have had an extremely high closure rate.

Violent crimes are not a problem in Marion County and consists of less than 1% of crimes committed. Unfortunately, the number one crime for our county is Domestic Violence. The nearest crime next to it is not ½ the percentage. It is also the least reported crime, so the numbers are even higher.

Traffic: Unfortunately, our roads are not keeping up to our growth and they have increased their traffic units. Last year there were over 45,000 traffic stops in Marion County. Our Sheriff's Department has a robust domestic violence team. Domestic Violence Hotline #800-500-1119

Sheriff Departments in the State of Florida in conjunction with Florida Sheriff's Association offer a free hands on Teen Drive Training course. For more information and to register go to:

[TEEN DRIVER CHALLENGE — Marion County Sheriff's Office](#)

There are plans to expand the county jail.

There are plans to hire 25 new deputies. This number does not include SRO's as he gets extra funding from the school board. In addition to SRO's some of the schools also have a Guardian on staff.

A motion was made by Henry Munoz to accept the December 2025 minutes with a 2nd by Ellen Chestnut, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Goles

As December 31,2024:	Balance:	MOCA:	\$13,185.41
		Bingo:	\$ 3,486.07

Linda introduced our new Treasurer, Nora Burch. Linda stated that they need 3 volunteers that are members of our association to conduct our annual audit.

Bingo Report: Lynn Greene

For the month of December there was one bingo session.

Total bingo deposits for the month:	\$1,239.50
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Total concession deposits for the month:	\$ 226.75
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Average attendance:	108
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2025 Bingo calendars are available on the table and next bingo will be the 22nd.

Deed Report: Florence Charbonneau

During the month of December there were:

Permits:	Opened: 18	Closed: 15
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Violations:	Opened: 20	Closed: 23
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Estoppels: 50	Violation Letters: 39
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Membership Report: Ray Charbonneau

Members present: 70	Renewals: 22	New: 3	Guests: 13
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Parks & Rec Report: Dave Pierce –

Dave introduced Eva Sanders who is their new staff member who has jointed their team.

Projects they are working on: New Roof which came in at approximately \$268,000, the Walking Trail will run \$59,000. Both will go to commissioners on the 21st for approval.

Dave will be working on next year's budget. Anything new you would like to see added, please contact him.

MSTU: Henry Munoz

Advised that Units 6 & 9 will be having work done to the roads. They will be fixing, patching or paving.

He is trying to get the ally way behind Dominos fixed along with the alley behind the community center.

CERT – Sharon Malik

This year the Sheriff's division of Emergency Management is offering a free to the public CPR class. Classes will be in March and hands on only with no mouth – to mouth resuscitation and you must be able to get on the floor. For more information and to sign up contact Sharon Malik at 352-454-9038. If you are interested in the CERT program, they meet on the 4th Thursday of every month from 6:30 to 7:30 in the Arts & Craft Classroom at the community center.

Presidents Report: Florence Charbonneau

The scholarship applications will be online and we will offer 3 scholarships for high school students that are residents of Marion Oaks along with the Rick Dennison scholarship for an adult looking to continue their education and they also must be a Marion Oaks resident. For more information visit our website at www.Moca1973.org

Our Murder Mystery Dinner will be held March 14th @ 6:00 PM, cost will be \$30 a ticket. So, join the fun and come in costume to this year's theme of a Mardi Gras Murder. Tickets will go on sale in February, there is limited seating.

The Fire Fighters Union raised over 100% in sales over last year's budget.
There will be a new paramedic program coming in the near future.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm by Lee Welch with a 2nd by Mike Serra, unanimously approved.