

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

Gen. M.O. Membership Meeting

Date: March 11, 2025

Establish a Quorum (54) members in Attendance plus 12 Guests,
Call to Order: Florence Charbonneau, President at 7:02 PM
Prayer by Florence Charbonneau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation: Marion Oaks board and residents presented to Fire Department Station 24 a gift of a new grill together with a meat package. A big thank you to the station for all they do for our community.

A motion was made by Lee Welch to accept February 2025 minutes as presented with a 2nd by Joann Coast, unanimously approved.

Guest Speakers: Rob Balmes, Marion County Transportation Planning (TPO)
Rob's presentation reflected that they are Federally mandated and funded. They plan Federal and State roads, bridges, transit, trails, signals, sidewalks and airports in all of Marion County.

Their key core work is:

- Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)
- Long Term Plan (LRTP)

TIP is a 5-year plan while LRTP is a 25-year blueprint with vision, development and safe access. They are developing a wish list for the present and future. They look at community growth, draft projects, project prioritizing, draft plans and then adopt in Nov. They are conducting a survey through the end of the month on which residents in the county rate their level of concern and priorities. They have developed safety measures for the county called "Safety Matters". President Florence Charbonneau asked membership in attendance their opinions on what they felt were priorities for our community. This included the concern over the ability to leave Marion Oaks with limited roads leading out of the community which currently all empty onto 484. The on off ramps to I75, need for sidewalks and bike trails

Safety Report – No report

Parks & Rec Report: Dave Pierce

MSTU roofing project has started and should take a month to complete.

Paving on the walking trail will start next week

Their Projected budget he is happy to report a community pool has been approved by MSTU advisory board and submitted to commissioners.

April 5th is the Spring Eggstravaganza and check community board for trips and events.

Dave advised that Haleigh Morgan has been promoted to a supervisor position and will be going to Forest Community Center. Congratulations Haleigh! Dave stated that they have 2 positions open at this time: a part-time position and full-time staff assistant.

MSTU: Henry Munoz

They are looking for a maintenance worker and regular worker for General Services.

He has spoken to the road department to have a line down the middle of Marion Oaks Lane. This will start from the Blvd. and continue to the Manor.

They have started some road patching issues in the community, and he is pushing for the road behind Domino's for a total repaving.

Treasurer's Report: Nora Burch

As February 28, 2025:	Balance:	MOCA:	\$11,993.78
		Bingo:	\$ 6,193.06

Bingo Report:

Florence stated that at last bingo there were 108 players. She recognized Chairman, Lynn Greene and committee for the job they are doing.

Deed Report: Carmen Reyes

During the month of February there were:

Permits	Opened: 22	Closed: 10
Violations:	Opened: 29	Closed: 15
Pending Violations:	Sent to Code Enforcement: 15	
Estoppels:	51	
Violation letters to resident and Owners:	55	

Membership Report: Ray Charbonneau

Members present: 54	Renewals: 9	New: 9	Guests: 12
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Scholarships:

Applications are now online. Go to www.MOCA1973.org for the forms. There are 3 scholarships open to high school students living in Marion Oaks along with the Richard Dennison adult scholarship. For more information, please contact the Deed Office at 352-347-7297

Our Marid Gras Murder Mystery Dinner will be held March 14th @ 6:00 PM, and tickets are sold out.

Our guest speaker in April will be Commissioner Kathy Bryant.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm by Joann Coast, with a 2nd by Henry Munoz, unanimously approved.