

MARION OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
294 MARION OAKS LANE
OCALA, FL 34473
Website: [Home \(moca1973.org\)](http://moca1973.org)

Gen. M.O. Membership Meeting

Date: June 11, 2024

Establish a Quorum (45) Members in Attendance plus 4 Guests,
Call to Order: Florence Charbonneau, President at 7:08 PM
Prayer by Florence Charbonneau, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Silent reading of minutes from last meeting and we will vote at end of the meeting.

Presidents Report: Florence Charbonneau

On May 21st board members and residents attended the Board of County Commissioners meeting regarding the two (2) special use permits for tractor trailers in Marion Oaks that the Planning & Zoning Department approved. After hearing testimonies, the Commissioners unanimously denied both permits with a 5-0 vote. Many thanks to residents that attended to show support to our community.

Road updates: Construction on 484 is only on one side of highway by Cracker Barrel. Next week will be severe road closures and down to one lane on 484 and on and off ramps for I75. Also, roads affected by construction and closures will be I75 and 27 by Chewy warehouse. In addition, the rest stop is shut down. SR 40 is also under construction.

Wonderful news and happy to announce that Marion Oaks will have the Marion Oaks High School which has been approved. The tentative open date will be 26/27 school year. The high school will cost between \$90-\$120 million to complete and will house up to 3500 students. The site will be behind the Summer Glenn back entrance.

Bears are on the move again in search of food. With all the construction they are losing their habitats and food sources. For both you and the bears' safety, please keep your garbage in your garage and only put it out the night before your pickup. Also, as bears and other animals affected are wild be sure to keep your pets on a leash or in your own fenced yards.

Saturday, June 22nd is our Bulk Community Pickup. Miguel Sanchez will speak more on the event.

Saturday, June 9th is our first Business Expo and is open to the community free of charge. The Expo will feature local Marion Oaks businesses. The event was open to all businesses for Marion Oaks residents or have a business in the community. All businesses must have a Sunbiz license. The businesses that are participating, which are approximately 26 at this time with possible more were asked to bring 100 business cards along with an item to raffle at their tables. This event was free to all participants. The event will run from 9-2.

SECO – Poster on their website that they are getting ready for storm season. They will be replacing electric poles if needed and old electric lines will be installed underground along with trimming trees along the lines.

Please be aware that if your fences or bushes are over the easement setback requirements, they will knock down at your expense. All fences should have a permit from the Deed Office and Deed inspectors make sure they are at the required setbacks.

We are looking for volunteers. Sign up sheets are available for the following:

Litter Team
Membership
Architectural Review

Special Events
Welcome Bags

Bingo
Deed Office/Inspectors

If interested please contact the Deed Office at 352-347-7297 or email us at MOCADeed@gmail.com.

Also come by the deed office located at the Rec Center to sign the petition for a light at the 4 ways stop on the Boulevard and Lane in Marion Oaks.

Safety Reports:

MCSO - Lt Rosa 352-843-8769 Absent
MO Fire Station 24 – Lt. Benson Absent – On Call

Treasurer's Report: Linda Goles
as of May 31, 2024:

Balance: MOCA: \$9,072.41
Bingo: \$10,843.27

Linda advised that we will be transferring \$7,000 from the Bingo account to MOCA to be used for community needs.

Scholarship: Linda Goles

Sadly, we found out after the fact that local schools did not advise Marion Oaks graduating seniors of our scholarship program. We are going to do a better job for the coming years and Linda will be working on this program and making sure we get the word out.

Bingo Report: Lynn Greene

Bingo's deposits (3) for month of May 2024: \$2,327.05
Concession Stand deposits for month of May 2024: \$474.25
Average Attendance ran: 82

June bingos – Wednesdays – June 12th and 26th.

Due to new state regulations, we will now be posting dates and time of meetings for Board and General Community meeting along with agenda. These will be posted in the Community Center, Rec Center and on our Marion Oaks Facebook page.

Deed Report: Carmen Reyes – Office Manager
During the month of May there were:

Permits	Opened: 31	Closed: 36
Violations:	Opened: 21	Closed: 21
Estoppels:	101	

Member Report: Mary Rose

June 11th meeting:

Number in attendance:	49
Number of new members:	2
Number of renewals:	0
Number of guests:	4

MOVE — Juanita Valentin

During the month of May they worked 123 hours and covered 792 miles. MOVE covers the community and reports to the Sheriffs Department any finding. They have a Dark House program in which if you notify MOVE that you will be away, they will do a drive-by and walk your property for the period of your absence. They have added 2 new volunteers but are looking for more.

To raise money, they will be having a garage sale on July 26th & 27th at 14333 SW 43rd Court Rd from 8-1

They have a new phone number and can be contacted at: 352-857-5835

Community Trash Pick Up – Miguel Sanchez 787-309-3014

Our bulk community trash pick-up is Saturday, June 22nd from 8-2 in the area next to the community center (294 Marion Oaks Lane). We will have all the major trash companies: Waste Pro, Solid Waste, Waste Management and Florida Express including the County Litter Task Force with their crane. We will except tires, furniture and trash. Basically, everything EXCEPT: Pesticides, asbestos, flammables and explosives. Our notices of the event are posted on Facebook and please share and tell your neighbors. Load up your items and we will even empty your vehicle in the correct bins when you arrive. Make as many trips as you like. For more information, please contact Miguel or the Deed Office 352-347-7297.

We are pleased to announce that our Marion Oaks Litter Team is now up to 23 volunteers. We even have high school students participate and receive community service credit towards graduation.

Parks and Rec Report: Dave Pierce

Dog Park is underway and should be finished in a few weeks.

We do have a major issue with the community center roof, and it was determined that we have to replace both roofs in Buildings A & B. It is presently in the hands of the Architects and will be a long process.

The pickleball extension was on hold and they have now received the go ahead.

Dave recognized Tina Adams (Victor's wife) from Parks & Rec for receiving Certified Playground Safety Inspector. This is a very difficult certification, and she will be only 1 or 3-4 inspectors in the county.

MSTU – Henry Munoz -

MSTU next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday in September at 10:30 am. Currently, they are mowing, and the waterfall is in good condition. In review of their budget, they might be able to put up a few lights. More information to come.

CERT Emergency Management –

Florence announced that we have approved the request from CERT in the amount of \$300 to purchase emergency handheld radios for Marion Oaks Community.

Florence announced a correction in the May minutes. Under Bingo, the concession deposit was for April and correct amount is \$349.75. Motion to approve the minutes from May with the corrections was made by Ellen Chestnut, 2nd by Sonya Menzies, unanimously approved.

Florence introduced Camillo Banchon who is doing an internship with us and assisting Jose Torres with our website and Facebook page.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 by Santos Pagan, with a 2nd by Nora Burch, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.