

MARION OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Gen. M.O. Membership Meeting

Date: July 9, 2024

Establish a Quorum (49) Members in Attendance plus 11 Guests,
Call to Order: Florence Charbonneau, President at 7:02 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

The board approved the following donations:

- Parks & Recreation – Donation to the new dog park
- Florida Chief Park – Youth and community park
- Gift Cards to Ashton and Anthony Aman for their tireless help for our Community Bulk Pickup.
- Marion County Youth Football and Cheerleading Programs
- Marion County Honor Guard

Last month was our first Business Expo. The expo showcased local businesses in our community. A survey was conducted at the close of the event by the businesses which participated. While they all agreed it was a great opportunity and event, the area they felt needed to improve was the community residents' participation. She welcomed a new business to the community that participated in the Expo – Florida Casino Party Planners.

We will be having a community presentation by Marion County Growth Services. A poll was taken as to when would be the best time for the event and the majority voted for a weekday evening event. Florence pointed out that there is a card at each table. She requested that everyone use their smart phones to take this survey which will help Growth Services in what the residents want or need in Marion Oaks. The date and time will be announced. Look for the announcement in the Ocala Star Banner, Ocala News, Gazette, our website, Facebook and robocalls for the date and time.

November 8, 9 and 10th we will be hosting a FREE holiday event to the public with a Holiday Train Show. The show will be sponsored by Ocala Train Enthusiast Group.

Nomination for board members will be open in September. If you would like to join, submit your name as we have a few people stepping down.

School starts August 12th and school supplies are desperately needed. Supplies can be dropped off at Deed Office, Rec Center and Bingo. The school system in Marion County will be starting a staggered start time. Children will be out there starting at 6:30 in the morning waiting for their bus. Please watch the children and your speed as fines will be increased. There will also be some schools in the county that will be participating in a year-round test program.

July 11th School Board Meeting to go over Marion Oaks High School. They will be discussing finalization.

No changes in the roads. Should be paving north bound lanes going to I75 this week.

July 17th at 1:00 there will be a State of the County Event which will take place at Top of The World – Circle Square. If you are unable to attend, you can Zoom the event by calling 352-438-2300.

Safety Report – Dave Pierce for Lt. Rosa

Deputies assigned to the Marion Oaks District during month of June arrested 36 people, for 22 felony charges, 29 misdemeanor charges, served 24 warrants, conducted 171 traffic stops, 14 criminal traffic charges, conducted 69 sex offender checks, worked 27 domestic violence cases, wrote 141 long form reports, wrote 89 follow-up reports, dispatched 1,142 calls for service, and worked a total of 1,528-man hours for the month.

Safety Reports: MO Fire Station 24 – Lt. Benson Absent

Parks and Rec Report: Dave Pierce

- Dog Park should be open in couple of weeks and thanked Civic Association for the donation.
- Team member Nikko will be spearheading a new event that will be held September 28th for Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The event will be from 11-3 with live music, activities and vendor and food trucks.
- Victory Casino Cruise will be August 20th and only a few seats left. The cost is \$55 includes bus trip, lunch and \$20 towards play. The bus will leave at 7:00 AM.

They submitted their budget to the County Commissioners. He recognized some of his advisory board members Alice Mitchell, Kathy Martin and Henry Munoz who are volunteers as well. They are happy to report that we will not have our millage tax rate raised. Some big projects for next year are to repave the walking trail, concrete patio in front of Annex building and setting aside an area for a Cross Fit section. We now have a new gazebo out back next to splash park; Dog Park is almost completed and will have a grand opening. The picket ball courts hope to have work started in August.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Goles

as of June 30, 2024:	Balance:	MOCA:	\$12,696.35
		Bingo:	\$5,658.77

Scholarship: Linda Goles

Scholarship checks have gone to their schools.

Bingo Report: Lynn Greene

Bingo's deposits (2) for month of June 2024:	\$1,816.50
Concession Stand deposits for month of June 2024:	\$330.15
Average Attendance ran:	85

Next bingo July 10th and we will be starting a new session

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

Permits	Opened: 42	Closed: 26
Violations:	Opened: 24	Closed: 16
Estoppels:	70	Violations Letter: 15+

Member Report: Mary Rose

Total Membership:	154
Number in attendance:	43
Number of new members:	6
Number of guests:	11

Community Bulk Trash Pick Up totals are in:

Waste Pro reported: 7006 lbs

Fla. Express reported: 7100 lbs

Waste Management reported: 22,000.6 lbs

We exceeded last year's totals for a total of 38,900 lbs

July Community Clean Up has been cancelled due to heat.

MSTU – Henry Munoz -

They are currently cutting grass. They are looking for another crew member who has light automotive experience. In addition, they are looking for another Board Member. Their budget was approved, and part of the funds will go for new equipment.

MSTU is divided into two (2) groups:

1 – Parks and Recreation

2 – General Services which includes the waterfall, mowing common areas and streetlights.

They have changed name to MS – Municipal Services.

Motion to approve the minutes from June was made by Ellen Chestnut, 2nd by Diane Fowler, unanimously approved.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 by Dorothy Brown, with a 2nd by Walter Sargeant, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.