

MARION OAKS CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Website: [Home \(moca1973.org\)](http://moca1973.org)

Gen. M.O. Membership Meeting

Date: October 15, 2024

Establish a Quorum (44) Members in Attendance plus 6 Guests,
Call to Order: Florence Charbonneau, President at 7:05 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

Hurricane Cleanup – County is set up for storm debris. The closest location is SW 57th which is 2nd entrance to Cross Industrial Park. The county will pick up large tree debris on main roads. We lost a lot of trees with the storms. At the County Commissioner meeting they discussed bringing clean up into communities, but it has not been finalized. If you have a large tree down contact Operation Utility and give address.

Nominations for Board positions will close October 25th and voting will be held on November community meeting November 12th. Currently we have Nora Burch running for Treasurer along with another possible for a Director position, however, this may be a conflict of interest.

At the November 12th meeting, Jim Lamotte from SECO will give a presentation.

We are asking for the community's assistance with two centers that are in need. The Board has selected:

- Kimberly Center – The center is for children who have been taken out of domestic violence homes. We are doing a pajama drive as they children come to the center in most cases without anything. Please donate pajamas from infant sizes up through older children. If you go to our community center, you will see that just in Marion Oaks each purple pinwheel display represents SIX (6) victims.
- Sexual Assault Center – We are asking for personal hygiene products for women.

Donations can be made at the next community meeting; Marion Oaks Bingo and a display box will be at the community recreation center in front of the Deed Office. We will be collecting through Thanksgiving.

We would like to thank Jose Torres who has created a beautiful new website for us. For the President's Report, we are asking everyone in attendance tonight to join the board for a group picture that will be displayed on our website.

Florence opened up discussion with members regarding issues in the community.

- 1) Motor Homes and RVs. – These may be parked in backyards behind a fence. However, none may be an eyesore or rat trap. They must be registered and may not stay in front of a property. The County cannot do anything unless undriveable.
- 2) Homes not maintained – This would include properties that has an abundance of garbage, lawn is unmowed or other eyesores. You can contact Code Enforcement but please understand they are overwhelmed at this time. Discussion on suggestions from after Deed Office does the required violation notices that they high someone to mow and place a lien on the property. Another suggestion was to involve high school students (Bright Futures) to mow the property, and they would receive volunteer hours.
- 3) Commercial use on a property zoned for residential only.
- 4) Livestock and Poultry
- 5) Tractor Trailers – We are working with DOT to remove these trucks
- 6) Contractors – Trash on construction sites
- 7) Sheds – oversize sheds being put up without permits from Deed Office and County.

Guest Speakers – Friends of the Library

Robin Wayne is supervisor at our Marion Oaks Library. Robin invited everyone to come get your library card and see the various activities offered at our location. Some programs: Monthly book club, programs for children and teens, Master Gardener Program and so much more. The library relies on the Friends of Library for many of the extra programs offered as they are not covered with County funding.

Judie Holt – Member of Friends of Library thanked the Marion Oaks Civic Association for the \$200 donation. Donations go for not only extra programs offered but also for renovations. In 2018 they renovated the Children section, in 2023 they renovated the front desk and computer area. The next phase will be Adult and Young Adult area along with the back area tables. The cost will be approximately \$26,000. They also have hardback and paperback books for sale. These are donated books and are located just outside the library entrance.

Safety Report – No reports

Treasurer's Report: Linda Goles

as of September 30, 2024:

Balance:	MOCA:	\$11,309.07
	Bingo:	\$5,245.15

Linda reported that recent donations made were Friends of Library, Marion County Memorial Honor Guard Program, PeeWee Football and Cheerleading along with the Marion County Kidney Foundation. We have over 300 residents in Marion Oaks current on dialysis.

Bingo Report: Lynn Greene

Bingo's deposits (2) for month of September 2024: \$1,816.25

Concession Stand deposits for month of September 2024: \$345.75

Average Attendance ran: 92

Lynn announced next bingo is tomorrow October 16th and that at the October 30th bingo asking everyone to come in costume for prizes and the first 100 players will receive goodies made by Marcine Akeley. She thanked everyone for their support.

Deed Report: Carmen Reyes – Office Manager

During the month of September there were:

Permits	Opened: 40	Closed: 25
Violations:	Opened: 20	Closed: 16
Estoppels:	60	Violations Letter: 15

We had an inspector move out of the community so they are down inspectors and looking for volunteers. Please contact the Deed Office at 352-347-7297 for more information.

Member Report:

Number in attendance: 50

Number of members: 44

Number of guests: 6

MOVE – No report

Parks and Rec Report: Dave Pierce

Dave reported that our community center was one of the locations for sandbags. It was a great community event where neighbors were helping neighbors with filling bags and even some of his staff came in on their days off to help. Firefighters and sheriff request that we check on our neighbors in times that we experienced. Dave encouraged everyone to reach out to your neighbors about the Civic Association.

Dave suggested that you follow the Rec Center on Facebook (**Marion Oaks Community Center – MSTU**) for all upcoming events.

We will have safe trick or treating at Bootastic held here on Saturday Oct 26th from 10-11
Community Pizza Dinner – Thursday Oct 17th starting at 5:00 PM

Dog Costume Party – October 30th starting at 5:00 PM

The first annual Hispanic Heritage Festival – was a success

October 1st is the new fiscal year. They plan to repave the walking trail, a porch on the front of the annex building, add a CrossFit area and replace the roof and doors.

Dave also reported that they have a new advisory member.

MSTU – Henry Munoz -

They are continuing to mow. They may need a new motor for the waterfall and basically have a full crew. He stated that he was advised that the county would be adding a left turn lane to Timberwalk.

Motion to approve the minutes from September was made by Ellen Chestnut with a 2nd by Judie Holt, unanimously approved.

Florence reminded everyone that we are holding a FREE Train Show at this location on Saturday November 9th and Sunday November 10th. Please spread the word.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 by Lenny Dobrzyski, with a 2nd by Dorothy Brown, unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned.