

MCDO MISSION STATEMENT

The Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO) is an organization under the laws of the State of Ohio, not-for-profit. The mission of the organization shall be to act as a coordinating body to assist local organizations meet the changing needs of the Marion Community through planned development while maintaining its agricultural profile. The activities will be directed toward, but not limited to, development of infrastructure, housing, family care, education, small business, recreation, and agriculture.

President, Ted Bertke called the June meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Wes Everman presented the financial report. The report for the month ending July 31st, 2026, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: $353,279

Cash Summaries

Checking	$300,237
CD's	$22,786
Savings	$30,257
Total Cash	**$353,279**

Organization Fund Summaries

Recreation Fund	$31,658
General Fund – MCDO	$35,310
Marion Soccer	$18,714
Girls' Softball	$19,298
ML FFA	$24,501
ML FFA Pork Producers	$9,402
Boys Baseball	$55,370
Ag Ed Boosters	$30,974
Ag Ed Scholarship	$1,500
Ag Safety Awareness	$3,439
ML Bowling	$959
Marion Industrial Park Association	$28,613
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	$794
Multi-Use Path	$65,508
Fundamental League	$4,202
Girls Youth Basketball	$2,921
Boys Youth Basketball	$4,382
Carthagena Park	$15,735
Total Organization Funds	**$353,279**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson – Doug Bender*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

June 22nd: John & Juliana Berning

June 29th: Gary & Helen Kremer

July 6th: Cory & Lia Moeller

June 13th: Greg & Ann Garmann

July 20th: Allan & Deb Kremer

July 27th: Kurt & Amy Goettemoeller

August 3rd: Norm & Angie Leugers

August 10th: China & Rita Griesdorn

August 17th: Paul & Amy Knapke

MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson –Allison Moeller*

There is still time to renew your membership or become a new member for 2026! Every membership is invested locally, for the benefit of all current and future residents and generations. To all of the families and businesses who supported the Marion Community Development for 2026, thank you! We appreciate your support!

HOUSING: *Committee Chairperson – Bob Unrast*

The St. Francis housing development south of Chickasaw has four building lots available. The lots are between .381 and .711 acres starting at $28,500 and includes village water and sewage. Contact Tess Mescher for more information at 419-305-0106.

The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Dan Jutte has a development underway off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on the available lots.

Osgood has residential lots and a commercial lot for sale through Arling Real Estate. This development is on the west end of town off State Route 705 and Mendenhall Road to the north of OPPAC and Osgood Community Veterans Center. Please contact Brandon Arling at 567-644-4851 for details.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, & SAFETY: *Committee Chairperson – Lisa Buschur*

The Health Department would like to remind all parents of all kindergarteners, 7th graders, and senior to schedule your child's back to school vaccinations. Call (419)-586-3251, option 2 to schedule.

Doctors Urgent care has changed their hours to 8AM-8PM every day. Although you can still walk-in, appointments are encouraged by scheduling on Mercer Health MyChart or by calling (419)586-1611. You can also schedule Saturday sick visit at Mercer Health Marion Campus from 8AM-12PM.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*

The Marion Local FFA Chapter had a successful Mercer County Fair despite the heavy rains. The Marion Local and St. Henry FFA chapters appreciate the community's support at the FFA Pork Stand. We will be having a tailgate to celebrate our partnership with the St. Henry FFA during the football game between the schools on September 25th.

Agricultural Science students are excited for a new school year and are settling into the new classrooms and shop areas. We are gearing up for a busy September that includes the Farm Science Review, Soils contest, the Heritage Days petting zoo and our September meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Deb Otte at admin@marioncommunities.com.

VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:

1. **Carthagena Park Report –** To reserve the park please call Nancy Koesters at 419-925-5192.
2. **Chickasaw** – No new information to report.
3. **Chickasaw Park Board Report –** For information on renting the park shelters (both the VFW and Ball Diamond), contact AJ Homan at 419-733-1171.
4. **Osgood –** No new information to report.
5. **Osgood Park Board Report –** For information on renting the park shelters, call Nick Beasley at 937-621-7718.
6. **Marion Township** – No new information to report.

7. **Marion Township Park Board Report –** Please follow Marion Township Park on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. You can also contact us through email: **mariontwppk@gmail.com**. The Monthly Park Raffle Winners are as follows:

$50 – John & Linda Fleck	$30 – Jim & Sue Gehret
$25 – Sam & Sandy Hartke	$25 – Gene & Sharon Evers

8. **Marion Local Schools –** Marion Local Administration would like to welcome the Teachers and Students back to school! They would like to extend the Summer Maintenance Staff a HUGE thank you for all of their hard work in getting the buildings ready for the school year! **Reminder to all community members** that there is now a 4-way stop sign at 119 and 716 - please be aware and on the lookout of students crossing these intersections before and after school and during sporting events. Also, there has been some changes in the parking lot and traffic flow due to construction. For more information, please refer to the website for the new traffic flow of pickup/dropoff: Car Rider Traffic Flow.

Bob Unrast made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 am and was 2nd by Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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