

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, June 16th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER REPORT:

Deb Otte presented the financial report. Mark Hardesty made a motion to accept the financials, which was 2nd by Lisa Buschur. The report for the month ending May 31st, 2026, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: $337,379

Cash Summaries	
Checking	$292,318
CD's	$22,672
Savings	$22,388
Total Cash	**$337,379**

Organization Fund Summaries	
Recreation Fund	$29,630
General Fund – MCDO	$36,146
Marion Soccer	$13,632
Girls' Softball	$17,285
ML FFA	$25,632
ML FFA Pork Producers	$9,452
Boys Baseball	$37,559
Ag Ed Boosters	$30,974
Ag Ed Scholarship	$1,500
Ag Safety Awareness	$8,700
ML Bowling	$959
Marion Industrial Park Association	$28,613
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	$794
Multi-Use Path	$65,508
Fundamental League	$4,997
Girls Youth Basketball	$2,921
Boys Youth Basketball	$4,382
Carthagena Park	$18,696
Total Organization Funds	**$337,379**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

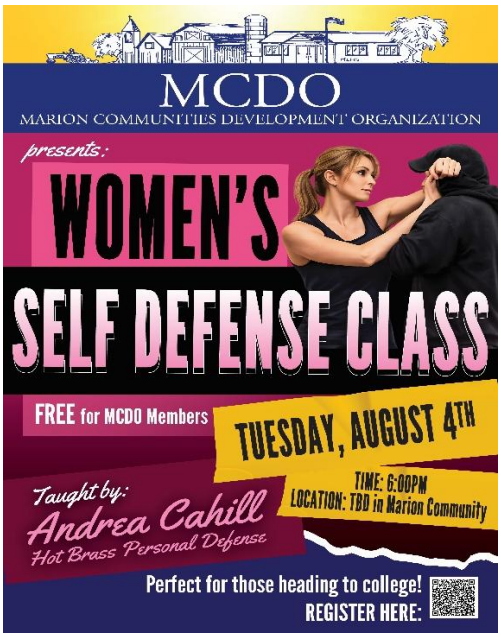
1. **RECREATION COMMITTEE:** *Committee Chairperson – Doug Bender*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

May 25th: Art & Joyce Moeller
June 1st: Alan & Sharon Hess
June 8th: Logan & Mckenna Albers
June 15th: Don & Mary Eyink

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

Please join us for a Women's Self Defense Class. Free for all MCDO members!!



3. **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.

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



5. **AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT:** *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*
   The FFA Officers had their annual officer retreat on June 1st. Between event planning, photos and canoeing, the group had a great time preparing for next year. The FFA/Ag Booster Cookout will be on July 19th at the Chickasaw VFW Park shelter house starting around noon. Details will be sent to FFA members in early July. Five Marion Local FFA members will be headed to the 5th Session of FFA in early July. The FFA camp is a great place to have fun, practice leadership and meet FFA members from across the state.



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 – Skip & Lori Homan
   $30 – Linda Koenig
   $25 – Andrew Kremer
   $25 – Fred Kremer

8. **Marion Local Schools –** Facility Update: The graphics are complete inside the gymnasium and on the existing facilities. If you have not yet seen the logo and lettering on the ramp doors leading into the Hangar, it is worth stopping by to see it! Ceiling tiles are being installed in the classrooms, carpet is installed in the central office. Bruns completed a lot of excavation on the east side, bleachers are taking shape, bathroom partitions and sinks are being installed, and epoxy flooring continues to progress. Completion is still on track for July 17th at this time. All very exciting for Marion Local Schools! The Administration is planning to host an open house in late July or early August, so be on the lookout for the update!



Allison Moeller made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 am and was 2nd by Mark Hardesty. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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