

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 October meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on Tuesday, October 20th, 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 September 30th, 2026, is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: $368,267

Cash Summaries

Checking	$323,457
CD's	$22,902
Savings	$21,908
Total Cash	**$368,267**

Organization Fund Summaries

Recreation Fund	$23,309
General Fund – MCDO	$34,885
Marion Soccer	$15,942
Girls' Softball	$23,298
ML FFA	$23,563
ML FFA Pork Producers	$23,970
Boys Baseball	$56,293
Ag Ed Boosters	$30,974
Ag Ed Scholarship	$1,500
Ag Safety Awareness	$1,398
ML Bowling	$959
Marion Industrial Park Association	$28,613
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	$794
Multi-Use Path	$73,522
Fundamental League	$4,202
Girls Youth Basketball	$3,421
Boys Youth Basketball	$5,882
Carthagena Park	$15,743
Total Organization Funds	**$368,267**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RECREATION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson – Doug Bender*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

September 21st: Rick & Lori Homan

September 28th: Joe & Renee Hartings

October 5th: Randy & Lynn Stucke

October 12th: Greg & Jess Schwieterman

October 19th: Ted & Amy Winner

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

Thank you to all who have supported the MCDO in 2026! Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports.

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 Mercer County Department is offering a walk-in flu shot clinic on November 3rd from 7:30am to 3:30pm. They are located at 220 West Livingston St. in Celina. No appointment is necessary.

Stay connected with Mercer Health this fall. Check out the latest Community Events & Education Newsletter for upcoming classes, wellness programs, health information, and community events in their newsletter. Sign up for it to come directly to your inbox by using the QR code below or visit https://mercer-health.com/news/signup/

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: *Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty*



Shown with New Bremen FFA members who we travelled with to National Convention.

The Marion Local FFA Chapter has had a busy October. FFA member Gus Bruns competed at the District 5 Job interview contest, where students complete a mock interview, job application, and follow-up letter. During the October meeting, members voted to conduct a community service activity during Christmas break. Chuck and Heather Wendel hosted the Marion Local Ag Boosters during their October meeting to check out their new group calf barn. 29 students attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. They toured a fish farm and a honey farm, as well as explored careers at the expo and listened to inspirational messages from Scott McKain and some of the National FFA Officers.

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 – Greg & Jennifer Koesters
   $30 – Craig & Brooke Moeder
   $25 – Nick & Amy Pierron
   $25 – Doug Bender

8. **Marion Local Schools –** The state report cards were released in September and the Marion Local school district has a lot to celebrate. Shown below is our five-star rating system. Marion Local ranked 2nd for all K-12 public schools in the state for our performance index score which is based off the success of students taking state assessments at the end of this past school year.



We are incredibly thankful for the support of our community and the importance you place on education. Raising children and guiding them through the learning process is not always easy, and on behalf of the Marion Local Schools, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your patience, encouragement, and dedication throughout the school year. The accomplishments reflected above are the result of hard work and a strong partnership between home and school.

The 32nd Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 11, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the High School Gym (the Hangar). The luncheon is free and available to all residents of the Marion Local School District who are 62 years of age or older. Please RSVP to Barb Kahlig by December 4th at 419-925-4597.

Wes Everman made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 am and was 2nd by Lisa Buschur. The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th, 2026, at 7:30 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

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