

MCDO

(Marion Community Development Organization)

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2013

This newsletter is distributed by the Marion Community Development Organization (MCDO). The goal of this newsletter is to inform area citizens in or near the Marion Local School District of the activities of the MCDO.

MCDO has worked on many projects and continues to be active in many areas with its eight standing committees. MCDO is constantly working on initiatives that will ultimately enable our communities to grow and develop. Contact us with questions, comments and concerns.

OFFICE LOCATION The MCDO office is located in the Marion Township Building in the Industrial Park. MCDO meetings are normally held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marion Township building

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MARION COMMUNITY UPDATE

Jim Keller, President

BOOSTER BANNER: Thanks to Gary Poeppelman with **G&L Sales and Service** our banner is again proudly displayed for all our home football games. Gary has also “volunteered” to remove the banner after what we all hope is a very successful Flyer season.

AGRICULTURE: At their September meeting, the Ag boosters discussed the need for a multi-purpose building which would include space for a few animals and a greenhouse to raise plants. Booster president, Bart Homan will solicit a couple of individuals to help the boosters explore building ideas that might work at Marion Local. Join the boosters in the Ag Ed room at 8pm on the third Monday of each month.

Ag Solutions held several special meetings the past couple of months. One provided feedback from Ohio State Ag educators who have been pursuing an approach to our nutrient issues using a grant that they were awarded a couple years back. The Ag Solutions group is aware of multiple ideas that could truly help but these ideas need to be explored thoroughly out on our farms. Since our resources are limited, it is challenging to explore these proposed solutions in the required manner. We continue to explore approaches to testing these ideas and hopefully we can develop an approach that will allow us to thoroughly explore solutions with the resources we have.

COMMUNITY REPORT: We can cautiously advise the community that the expansion of the Marion Industrial Park will occur. We are not comfortable releasing all the details at this time but it appears that we can acquire the land, we have an approach to fund the purchase and the school board has approved our request for Tax Increment Financing (TIF). The TIF will pay for land leveling, streets and sewer installation. More news will be shared in future MCDO minutes and this quarterly newsletter. If you have an interest in starting or growing a business in this community contact Ron Puthoff directly at 419-925-4084 or email puthoff1@bright.net.

Al Lochtefeld President of the Chickasaw Board of Public Affairs reports that the village is conducting income surveys to qualify for funding for the installation of a new well field and water treatment facility. The state requires that a certain percentage of residences

need to be surveyed and the lower the average annual income, the more grant money is available. The outcome of this process will not be known for some time since the survey is not finished and the state requires 6 – 9 months to analyze the feedback and provide their determination. Al commented that he is impressed with the positive attitude of the villagers regarding the project. All are enthused about having a new, state of the art, reliable water supply.

For months, we have been unable to provide any clear insights into the status of the phone/TV/internet fiber optic cable installation into our area. The project was started in conjunction with the sewer installations in the Osgood and Maria Stein area but never finished. We can now report with confidence that the installed infrastructure has been acquired by NKTelco and that they are proceeding to finish the job. Their General Manager, Preston Meyer, kindly provided the update below. He doesn't mention Chickasaw in his note but I know the village is firmly on their “To Do” list. We are pleased that NKTelco is coming into our area; providing us with a second choice regarding our contact with the great big virtual world out there.

Preston writes: *“We have secured a parcel of land on the west side of St. Rt. 716 just north of St. Rt. 119. The engineers are filing the proper permits and we are getting ready to pour a foundation for a concrete shelter. Fiber installation on the main routes is underway and we have completed the initial conduit installation connecting New Bremen to Maria Stein and plan to begin pulling the main fiber in very soon.*

I have the contractor taking some time and going to Osgood to do some yard clean-up from when the initial construction was done in that area. Once I have the foundation for the building in place in Maria Stein I will make a public announcement to our schedule for service availability. So with building fiber infrastructure the process is lengthy but we are making progress and you should start to see more activities.

I am confident we will have some services online before the end of the year.”

We're always looking for individuals with good ideas concerning how our community can grow and prosper. If you have some ideas give me a call. I'd love to discuss them with you.



MARION LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

Mike Pohlman, Superintendent

The school year has successfully started and we encourage all parents to check their students' progress through Progressbook, our online grading system. We encourage parents to take this opportunity to sit down with their children and discuss how their classes are progressing. Catching problem areas early is important in building a strong foundation for the rest of the school year. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 12, 14, and 15, but please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher before this time.

The staff at Marion Local continues to keep up with the changes that have taken place through Race to the Top. At the end of the year each teacher created a student learning objective in which they will use to monitor students growth. At the beginning of the year each teacher gave students a pre-assessment and graded the assessment in order to get a baseline score. We then had a two hour delay teacher in-service for each teacher to set a growth target for the students and at the end of the year each student will be given a post assessment to see if they have met the growth target. This is the first year in which teachers will be evaluated by the Ohio Teachers evaluation system and 50% of the evaluation is based on a rubric and the other 50% is based on student growth. Principals will also be evaluated in the same manner and I appreciate all the work individuals in our district are doing to prepare for this huge endeavor.

This summer we challenged the staff to a 200 mile challenge in 90 days. They could accumulate 200 miles through walking, jogging, or biking. I am proud to say that we had 37 accomplish this task and this is important with our overall goal of enhancing our wellness in order to be more effective at work and cut down on healthcare cost. We have welcomed many new staff members into the district this year and they have done a tremendous job. If you did not get a chance to meet them at open house please feel free to schedule a time to meet them at parent teacher conferences. We appreciate your support.
Go Flyers!



SPIRITUAL CENTER

Robin Goettemoeller

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein is looking forward to a full and exciting fall! We invite you to walk the paths throughout the property and enjoy the ever changing leaves. We also invite you inside to participate in any of the events and retreats taking place.

- ♦ The Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction continues to take place the first Sunday of each month at 5:45 p.m. and Healing Masses will take place October 8 and November 12 at 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ Fr. Dugal and Fr. Naseman are pairing up to present a "Fall Day of Reflection" Thursday, October 17 from 10-3:00. They will be talking about being aware of God's presence no matter where we are.
- ♦ Tuesday, November 19 from 7-8:30 p.m. Dr. Jim Schwiertman will be presenting a talk on the "New Evangelization". We keep hearing about the new evangelization, but what is it? Take some time out of your fall schedule to come and learn more about what it is and how it will affect our prayer lives.
- ♦ Sunday, November 3, Scott Frey will be presenting "Sharing and Living Our Catholic Faith" from 1:30-6:00. Join Scott as he helps us learn different ways to look at the Sacraments and how to share our faith with others.
- ♦ The 3rd Annual "Perfectly Imperfect Women's Retreat" will take place Friday November 1, starting at 6:00 ending Saturday with Mass with Bishop Binzer at 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to having a great line up of speakers, vendors, and fun with other perfectly imperfect women!
- ♦ Father Naseman will once again be finishing up the year by leading a New Year's Eve retreat starting at 4:30 p.m. on December 31 and ending on January 1 at noon. Join Fr. Al as he talks about how color affects our lives.

We hope you'll join us at some point this fall to pray, learn a little more about your faith, or simply stop to see the colors surrounding us. For more information on any of these retreats please check our website at www.spiritualcenter.net or like us on Facebook. You can also call Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:00 to register for any event.

MARIA STEIN SHRINE OF THE HOLY RELICS

Don Rosenbeck, Administrator

The annual Maria Stein Shrine Heritage Club party was held this year on Sunday, September 22nd from 1 to 4 pm, on the grounds of the Shrine. The afternoon was full of family activities. Anything from face painting to scavenger hunts, bingo, cards, tours of the Shrine and grounds, and of course socializing. Very popular was the tours of the third floor of the Shrine.

At the close of the event, Sylvia Ann Stulpin from Dayton Ohio was drawn as the 2013-2014 Heritage Club Grand Prize winner of \$1,000.00. Throughout the coming year, Heritage Club members are eligible to win \$50 in a drawing held each week. Membership is still open for the weekly drawings and supports the Shrine's ministry of providing a place of peace, prayer, and hospitality for faith nourishment and spiritual renewal. For information call 419.925.4532 or email info@MariaSteinShrine.org.

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