



President's Message—Jim Keller

INDUSTRIAL PARK – Companies continue to establish and expand in our industrial park. Buildings for Chickasaw veterinarian Bill Minton, M S Welding, and Buschur Leasing are in various stages of completion. This construction has pretty much filled up the latest expansion to our park. Moeller Brew Barn has started on a significant expansion in the original industrial park. These commercial properties pay a higher tax rate than private residences or farm acreage and buildings. Initially, these taxes are diverted to pay for the construction of the required infrastructure; land preparation, streets and storm and sanitary sewer lines. Long term these taxes will be a boon to our township government, our schools and the Chickasaw Fire department. We sincerely thank the many companies and individuals who have located there. We appreciate your belief in the viability of the Marion Community.

HOUSING – Young families continue to build here in the Marion Community. This too is an incredibly positive development. We welcome all of them with open arms! Lots continue to be available at various locations. These locations and contact information are noted in our monthly MCDO minutes. RCS is expanding Washington Street north which will open more lots in Marion Acres.

SR 716 EAST SIDE SIDEWALK – As noted homes are being built by young families in Marion Acres and Woodview Estates. We continue to consider options on how to get children and even older residents safely from these areas to the school property and the rest of the village. This project has a ton of challenges. The good news is that some young parents, full of energy and creative ideas have volunteered to assist with the project. Their enthusiasm is enabling us to move forward positively. We sincerely appreciate their contributions.

INFRASTRUCTURE - Nick Moeller has agreed to be our “Infrastructure” chairperson. He is focusing on two very worthwhile projects. The first is a project to connect the various Marion sub-communities together with a bike path. If you want to know more about the bike path or have questions or concerns, please attend one of their meetings. They are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Moeller Brew Barn starting at 8pm. All are welcome. Nick is also working to bring natural gas into Maria Stein, Chickasaw and Osgood. He and Shannon Everman will be contacting local businesses to ascertain their annual BTU usage. Bringing gas here is expensive but like everything in the business world, proving that a company can earn a decent return on its investment will convince them to provide us service. It is up to us to provide that proof. We wish Nick all the best with both of these projects.

MEETING TIMES – Our meetings have traditionally been held at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month. Due to evening schedule conflicts we have changed the meeting time in both June and July. If you want to attend a meeting (you are more than welcome) it would be best to check with Shannon Everman to assure correct meeting time.

THANKS – for your membership and other support. Most appreciated!

301 Club—Mitch Thobe

The 301 Club would like to thank everyone who has renewed their memberships for 2018. We would also like to welcome the new members that are joining us. It is because of all of our members that we are able to help support so many different summer programs and also assist the local parks with additional funds. If you have not received a renewal form in the mail or would like to become a member, please contact Mitch Thobe through email mitchell.thobe@gmail.com, by phone 419-305-9951 or any of the other committee members (Cory Albers, Matt Homan, Luke Bertke, Nick Boeckman, Kyle Moeller, Brian (BJ) Wolters, Wes Everman, or Kirk Stucke).

The 301 Club donated **\$14,650** to the following summer programs and local parks; Marion Little League, Youth Softball, Youth Soccer Program, Pony League Baseball, Acme, Jr. Acme, Chickasaw Parks, Marion Township Park and Osgood Park.

The summer sports programs are well underway for the 2018 season. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who help coach and assist these programs. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who help make are local parks so great!

Our annual chicken dinner fundraiser is scheduled for July 8th, 2018. The pickup will again be at the Marion Local High School on the west side between 11:00 and 12:30.

The 301 Club is a non-profit group that has been actively supporting Marion youth programs and our local parks since 1996. Our goal is to help sustain active programs and the development of our parks. Our community and kids benefit from your generosity.



Marion Local Schools—Mike Pohlman

It was an outstanding 2017-2018 school year, as our district was blessed again with numerous accomplishments by both our staff and students. I would like to congratulate all of them for their successes throughout the year. Congratulations to all of our 66 graduates who participated in commencement ceremonies on May 20th. Morgan Heckman was named valedictorian and Seth Pierron was named salutatorian. Of the 66 graduates seventeen received Honors Diplomas, fifteen received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, ten scored a composite score of 27 or higher on the ACT, and they earned \$630,000 in scholarship money with \$71,000 being local. We are very proud of our graduates and their accomplishments and thank all of the donors that sponsored scholarships to help these individuals further their education.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the many individuals that attended the community meeting in late April. We received very good questions and I hope everyone in attendance left with a better understanding. We are still targeting to be on the ballot in November of 2018.

Even though school is out, it will still be very busy at both schools during the break. I would like to thank the community for their continued support of the Marion Local school district. This year was very successful and it is because of the collaboration we have with you. Mandatory shutdown this year is June 24th to July 8th. I hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics— Don Rosenbeck & Susie Bergman

The Maria Stein Shrine is pleased to announce that a newly renovated space on the 3rd floor of the Shrine, lovingly called "The Upper Room", will be open for special events in July. The room will be available to rent for anniversary parties, birthdays, bridal/baby showers, corporate/religious retreats, holiday parties, reunions, board meetings, rehearsal dinners and other types of events.

"With the increasing numbers attending the Shrine's programs, a larger space was needed for events. The 1,400 square foot room on the third floor of the historic convent building helps us meet those needs. To more fully utilize the space, the decision was made to also open the area to the public for events consistent with our mission of providing a place of peace, prayer and hospitality", stated Don Rosenbeck, Shrine President.

The room was renovated, with a focus on maintaining the history and charm of the architecture, while adding in modern day amenities such as specialized audio/visual resources for music, presentations and more. It can accommodate up to 90 guests and is handicap accessible. For more information regarding the room, pricing and availability, contact Matthew Hess at 419-925-4532 or m.hess@mariasteinshrine.org.

In ministry news, we have a lot of great events coming up! From June through December of 2018, the Shrine will host a very special art exhibit honoring Mother Teresa. The Malhotra Collection is from the Museum of Spiritual Art in Franklin, Ohio. It will feature works depicting Mother Teresa produced by International Artists along with paintings of Saints & Blesseds by Tim Langenderfer. The exhibit will be located on the 3rd floor and in the newly renovated Upper Room.

Other July events include a St. Peregrine Cancer Prayer Service on July 8, a Couples Night on July 22 and Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S, will present a special two-part series on Humor in Sacred Scripture. For more information about these and all the events happening at the Shrine, follow us on Facebook, visit our website www.mariasteinshrine.org or call 419-925-4532.

Marion Township Park—Lee Heitkamp

The Park Board of Marion Township Park meets monthly. We continue to focus on improving and maintaining the park for our community.

At the time of this writing, the park board is gearing up for the MS Countryfest. We thank you all for continuing to support the park by your patronage at the Taco Boat/Waffle Stand. The benefits to the park continue with a scoreboard being added to the softball diamond #2 as well as future improvements. The park board is currently reviewing options for a future Eagle Scout project as well depending on approval for the scout through the Boy Scouts.

Over the past couple years, we have completed a great deal of projects such as: scoreboards on diamonds 2 (in process) & 3, front side



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walk from St. John's road to concession stand, 65+ replacement trees purchased and planted after stump and tree removal, a second volleyball court, insurance safety-compliance of surrounds of bleachers/playground mulch added base & numerous maintenance items such as poly board replacement on picnic tables & sealing/stripping of the parking lot. We could not do these without your generous donation and patronage at our events! Thank you!

Other future use of these benefits includes current discussion about potentially saving for a future, larger project while continuing to maintain and facilitate smaller scale projects as they arise. Two different options have risen to the top of the list, one being a continuation in attempting to apply for a future trails grant for walk/jog path around the park or potential for a future shelter house facility. These are in the very early stages of discussion and truly dependent on a multitude of factors within our Marion Local Community which include a great deal of funds. We would like to hear your opinion or thoughts about which option may be more beneficial as a long-term project to work toward.

Both volleyball courts will be in use for the **ALUMNI TOURNAMENT** hosted on **July 27th, 28th, & 29th** in MTP as well as the ball diamonds for softball.



GET YOUR TEAMS SIGNED UP ALREADY... by contacting: [Mitch Thobe](mailto:mitch.thobe@marionlocal.com) (419-305-9951) for softball and [Marianne Wuebker Bruns](mailto:marianne.wuebker@marionlocal.com) (419-852-1292) for volleyball...They are planning to have an 80/90s court and 2000s+ court if enough entries.



We look forward to seeing you to play or just enjoy the food, drink (including Moeller Brew Barn), & entertainment.

- ◆ Friday night - Reunion of the Jay-Are Band
- ◆ Saturday night - DJ Scrappy/Cody Brown
- ◆ Sunday afternoon - Kyle Koesters Acoustic

So... Mark your calendars to attend! Contact your friends, reunite, combine graduating years if need be, and join us for fun regardless of if you play! All proceeds benefit the park development and maintenance.

If you have suggestions for the park's future, we welcome those discussions. Current Park Board Members include: Lee Heitkamp (President- 419-305-8238), Eric Schroeder (Eagle Scout project manager – 419-296-8570), Kara Ahrens (419-733-7774), Ryan Stucke (rentals – 419-852-5088), Nick “Shaggy” Pavelka (social media/email coordinator 419-852-3858), Jeff Wolters (Treasurer - 419-953-6863), Shelly Hartings (Secretary/Concessions 419-953-2569), Renee Hartings (Secretary/Concessions 419-305-5530) & Jesse Rose (419-305-6695).

Please feel free to contact. We have now updated to a new page on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. Please follow us for listings of future events and details. You can also contact us through email: mariontwpk@gmail.com. Please feel free to contact. We have now updated to a new page on **Facebook (Marion Township Park)** and on **Twitter (@MarionTwpPark)**. Please follow us for listings of future events and details. You can also contact us through email: mariontwpk@gmail.com.

Zahn Marion Township Library—Juli Berning

Here's what's happening at the library: Our summer reading program is in full swing. This year's theme is “Libraries Rock!” We have programs at 1:30 and again at 3 pm on the Mondays of July 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd. Door prizes are awarded and a craft is made at each Monday session. Kids going into grades 1 thru 5 can read to earn free ice cream from Wagner's IGA and a firetruck ride, extra recess at school and a nameplate in a new book. Kids going into kindergarten or younger can check out books for a chance to win prizes. Kids going into 6th grade thru adults can read to win prizes like Kings Island tickets, Newport Aquarium tickets, Maria Stein Dairy Station gift certificates or a pizza from the Chickasaw Qwik Stop and many more. If you are in our summer reading program, we also have coupons you can pick up in the library for 50% off camping (Sunday thru Thursday) and 10% off camping (Friday thru Saturday) at any Ohio State Park. We also have coupons for \$4 off Ohio State Fair admission. Our end of summer reading program party will be on Thursday, July 26th at the Maria Stein American Legion at 1:30 pm and our entertainment will be the “Madcap Puppets” from Cincinnati. You can sign up until July 23rd.

Daycare providers – Would like library books delivered and picked up at your location? We offer this service. We can deliver however many books you want on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. Call the library to sign up or for more details.

Join us for these upcoming events:

- ◆ Tuesday, July 10th – Family Night – 6:30 pm. Dr. Seuss Word-a-thon event. Join the challenge on Seussville.com. No pre-registration required and a craft will be made.
- ◆ Thursday, July 19th August 16th and Sept. 20th —Lego night from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Lego nights will be held the third Thursday of every month. No age limit, no pre-registration required. Parental supervision required for younger children as some pieces are rather small.
- ◆ Story hour is also held on every Thursday morning beginning at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome!

All dates, times and information on all of our upcoming programs are available on our Face book page. Just go to [www.facebook/ZahnMarionLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/ZahnMarionLibrary) and “like” our page. So come in to the library today and check us out!

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Spiritual Center of Maria Stein—Robin Goettemoeller

Did you know that in 1998 the Spiritual Center Retreat House was sold by the Sisters of the Precious Blood and became its own non-profit business in Maria Stein? The Retreat House sits on 87 acres next to the Shrine of the Holy Relics. The Retreat House has its own staff of 42 people, 9 board members, a coordinator, and donors and is not affiliated with the Shrine, just neighborly. Sometimes when you drive by and glance back at the Retreat House and parking lot, it appears that no one is there, so it's easy to assume the Retreat House is never busy. However, on average, over 10,000 people are at the Retreat House each year and over 20,000 meals are regularly served per year. Just the other day, someone walked in for a meeting and she was greeted by 50 high school seniors who were there for a week long Kairos Retreat. She mentioned how surprised she was to see people in the building because there was only one vehicle in the parking lot. While some who are on retreat are from the local area, most are from Catholic Schools and churches of all denominations that are quite far away (including many international guests who arrive by flights into Dayton and are dropped off). Many of the groups arrive in Maria Stein by caravan or charter bus -which explains the often fairly empty parking lot. Non-Holiday weekends are usually filled to capacity - with an average of 50 people staying overnight each Friday-Sunday and sometimes as many as four different retreats are taking place at the same time throughout the building. While on retreat, people spend time in prayer, they hear presentations, they meet in small groups and discuss topics, they walk the grounds, and focus on their faith, sometimes in complete silence.

Due to the increased amount of retreats taking place in Maria Stein, the decision was made to expand to the newly renovated Montezuma Retreat House (6731 State Route 219, Montezuma). This additional facility will allow us to serve more people, especially youth, which is the main focus of the Montezuma building (although all are welcome!). As the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein and Montezuma continues to grow, we invite the Marion Community to continue to walk the paths and be a part of the prayerful grounds alongside those who are staying for retreats. For those wishing to take pictures (family, wedding, senior, etc) on the property, we love having you here, but we are now asking that you contact the office in advance (419-925-7625 Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00) to be sure there is nothing major going on that will affect your photos. Check out our updated website and newsletter for events this summer at www.spiritualcenter.net and join us for a retreat or some time away to grow closer to God.

