



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 August meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held on August 13, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented by Jean Bender. Bob Dippold moved to approve the financial report. Lisa Buschur seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The month ended July 31, 2024, financial report is as follows:

Total Cash Balance: \$303,292

<i>Cash Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$267,531
CD's	\$17,027
Savings	\$18,734
Total Cash	\$303,292

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$19,314
General Fund – MCDO	\$38,460
Marion Soccer	\$16,958
Girls' Softball	\$11,001
ML FFA	\$25,118
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$8,021
Boys Baseball	\$44,905
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,285
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$854
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$21,955
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$54,355
Fundamental League	\$7,874
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthageana Park	\$18,011
Total Organization Funds	\$303,292

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. RECREATION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson – Luke Bertke*

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

July 15: Scott’s Carryout

July 22: Virg & Ruth Kremer

July 29: Ben & Tess Moeller

August 5: Kyle & Janessa Moeder

August 12: Kyle & Kelly Bueter

2. MEMBERSHIP AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE: *Committee Chairperson – Bob Dippold*

Memberships help facilitate growth in the community with projects like the expansion of the industrial park and facilitate youth sports. Please contact Bob Dippold (419) 305-0128 or Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email to: admin@marioncommunities.com. if you have any questions about the status of your membership.

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 include 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.

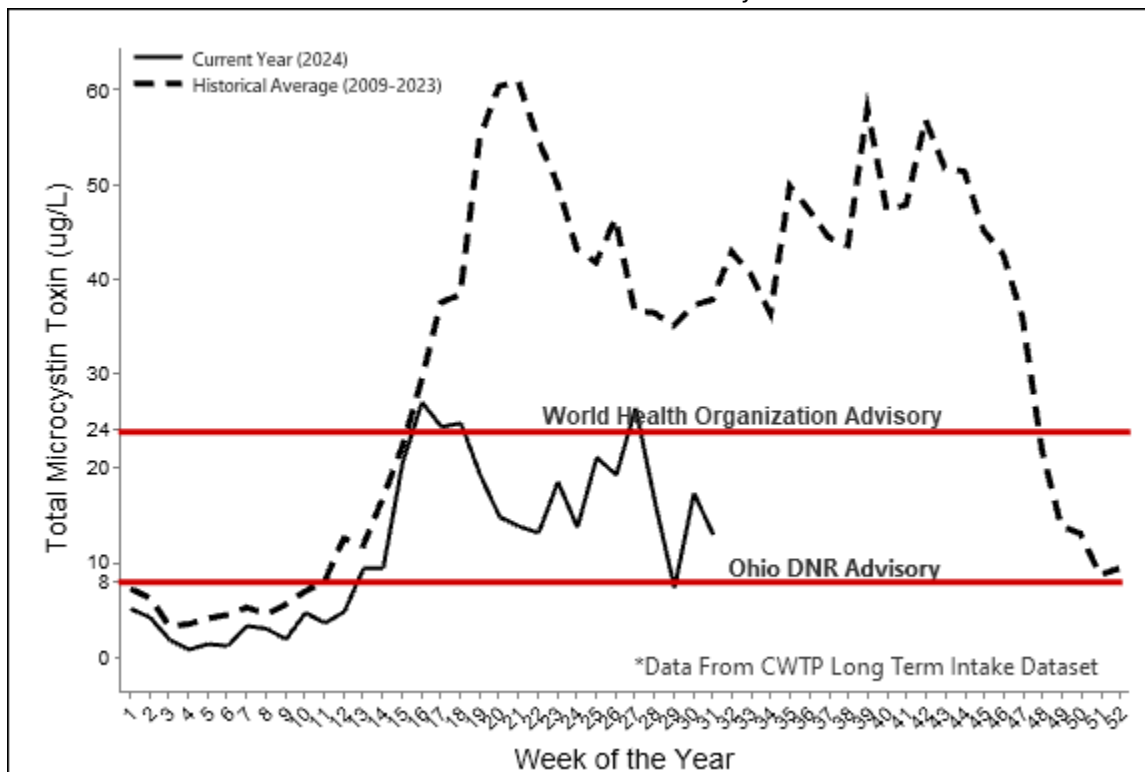
Dan Jutte has a development underway off Jackson Street. Please contact him at 419-733-0053 for more information on the available lots.

4. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT: Committee Chairperson – Mark Hardesty

Mark Hardesty provided an update on FFA and Ag Solutions. The FFA was busy at the Mercer County Fair held August 8th – 14th.

There is a USGS website that is now available to the public that shows GLSM lake level in real time. If you look at the data, the reference elevation of “normal pool” is 870.6 ft. This is only if you are looking at the data in the 1929 datum. It can be found at the link: [Grand Lake St Marys near Celina OH - USGS Water Data for the Nation](https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/stations/01580000). Right now, it shows the lake at 4.1” below normal pool.

The most recent toxin data from the City of Celina’s intake is included.



OTHER BUSINESS:

Allison Moeller attended the August meeting as an interested community member and is transitioning to become the new Membership Committee Chair! Thank you Allison for stepping up! If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Shannon Everman at admin@marioncommunities.com.

Shannon Everman is stepping down as the MCDO Administrator/Coordinator. The job description is as follows:

This position requires a good working knowledge of Word, Excel, and Quickbooks. The position requires about 25-40 hours of work per month, the hours with a fair degree of flexibility and can be performed primarily from your home. The position requires interaction with multiple members of the community and a close association with MCDO Committee and Organization Chairs as well as the MCDO President. If you are interested in more information about this job, please call Shannon Everman (419) 925-5707 or email your resume to admin@marioncommunities.com or send it to MCDO, PO Box 65, Maria Stein, OH 45860.

VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:

1. **Carthage Park Report** – For information on renting the shelter house, 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 Jay Schwieterman at 419-733-6811.
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 for August are as follows:

\$50 – Nick & Amy Pierron	\$30 – Fred & Mary Kremer
\$25 – Dan & Barb Heitkamp	\$25 – Larry & Dianne Post
8. **Marion Local Schools** – No new information to report as the most recent beginning of the school year newsletter was just sent out to all residents with the most recent information.

The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

Board of Directors

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Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Lisa Buschur 419-305-0858
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Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
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