



**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 was unable to call the July meeting of The Marion Community Development Organization to order due to a lack of a quorum. The meeting was held on July 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Marion Township Building.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

The month ended June 30, 2024, report is as follows:

**Total Cash Balance: \$312,954**

<i>Cash Summaries</i>	
Checking	\$268,693
CD's	\$17,027
Savings	\$27,234
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$312,954</b>

<i>Organization Fund Summaries</i>	
Recreation Fund	\$28,088
General Fund – MCDO	\$40,157
Marion Soccer	\$22,318
Girls' Softball	\$4,877
ML FFA	\$31,061
ML FFA Pork Producers	\$9,603
Boys Baseball	\$41,521
Ag Ed Boosters	\$31,285
Ag Ed Scholarship	\$2,000
ML Bowling	\$854
Marion Industrial Park Association	\$20,555
Woods Chapel Maintenance Fund	\$1,124
Multi-Use Path	\$52,167
Fundamental League	\$7,874
Youth Basketball	\$2,057
Carthage Park	\$17,413
<b>Total Organization Funds</b>	<b>\$312,954</b>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

The weekly winners of the 301 Club are as follows:

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| June 17: Ted & Janet Heitkamp | July 1: Jean Thobe  |
| June 24: Dale & Lynn Homan    | July 8: Cory Albers |

**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](mailto: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.

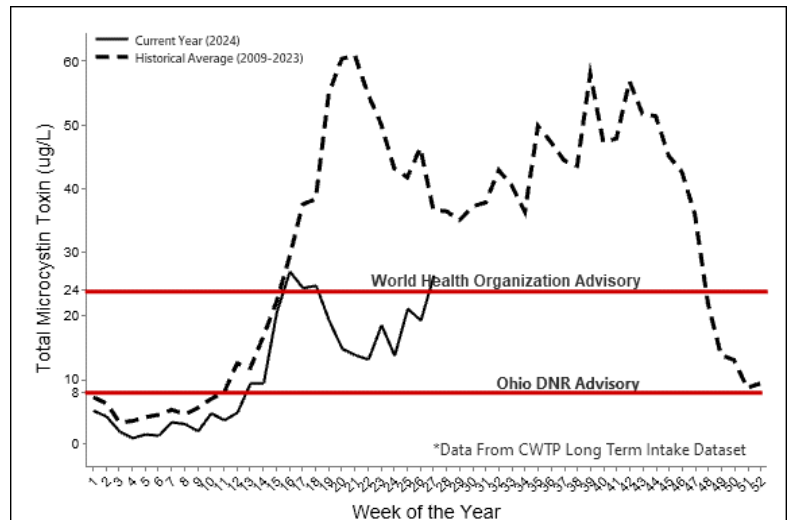
The Woodview Estates subdivision still has lots available for sale. For more information, please contact Jay Ruhenkamp at 937-295-4244.

Dan Jutte started land development off Jackson Street. There have been streetlights recently installed. 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 is continuing activities this summer and the FFA and Ag Booster Picnic is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendars for the Mercer County Fair to be held August 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, and support the FFA Pork Producers!

Currently the GLSM lake level is around 5.5 inches above normal pool elevation and the most recent toxin data from the City of Celina’s intake is included.



## OTHER BUSINESS:

If anyone is interested in joining the MCDO Board in any capacity, please contact Shannon Everman at [admin@marioncommunities.com](mailto:admin@marioncommunities.com).

## VILLAGES, TOWNSHIP, PARKS, & SCHOOL REPORTS:

1. **Carthagen 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](mailto:mariontwppk@gmail.com).

The Monthly Park Raffle Winners for July are as follows:

- |                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$50 – Bart Homan          | \$30 – Todd & Angie Francis   |
| \$25 – Dave & Kelley Budde | \$25 – Doug & Nancy Billerman |

Mark your calendars to attend the ALUMNI TOURNAMENT hosted on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> in the Marion Township Park. This year the entertainment for Friday is THE “JayAre” band with their 2024 Reunion Show; Saturday’s entertainment is DJ Marcus Rethman; and Kyle Koesters is returning on Sunday afternoon! GET YOUR TEAMS SIGNED UP by contacting: Jason Wolters (419-953-1217) for softball and Brook Griesdorn (937-

710-2269) for volleyball. 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's development and maintenance. For information or concerns about the park, call Ryan Stucke 419-852-5088.

- 8. Marion Local Schools** – Marion Local Schools was awarded an \$896,000 grant to bring municipal water from the Chickasaw water tower to Marion Local Schools. The total project cost is approximately \$1.2 million, and the school's portion is approximately \$300,000. The school partnered with Craig Knapke from Access Engineering to make this happen for the school!

The next MCDO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. in the Marion Township Building.

Submitted by: Ted Bertke, President

**Board of Directors**

Ted Bertke, President	419-852-1072
Shannon Everman, Secretary	419-925-5707
Jean Bender, Treasurer	419-925-4254
Shannon Everman, Coordinator	419-925-5707

**Committee Chairpersons**

Agricultural Development:	Mark Hardesty, DVM 419-925-4212
Business Retention & Dev.:	Jill Nagel 419-925-9101
Health, Safety & Education:	Lisa Buschur 419-305-0858
Housing:	Bob Unrast 419-925-4151
Infrastructure:	Nick Moeller 619-884-9958
Membership:	Bob Dippold 419-305-0128
Recreation:	Luke Bertke 419-953-6114



Marion Community Development Organization  
Box 65  
Marion, OH 45860-0065