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# { VOTING 411 }

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TOP STORY

In America's first election, only white men with property had the right to vote. So, when George Washington became the first president, only about 10 to 16 percent of the nation's population was eligible to cast a vote. Now, however, with the passing of the 15th Amendment in 1870 and 19th Amendment in 1933, all American citizens who are 18 years old have that right. The next opportunity to exercise that right to vote is during the general election on Nov. 2, 2010.

Supervisor of Elections Dee Brown gave the voting 411 on the 2010 election so citizens can know all of the voting vitals.

**Who can vote in the general election on Nov. 2, 2010?** All eligible registered voters in Marion County. Be sure to register to vote by Monday, Oct. 4, 2010, to cast your ballot in the general election.

**How can I register to vote?** Visit the Supervisor of Elections online at <http://www.votemarion.com/VoterRegistration.aspx>. Fill out the online voter registration form, print it, sign it and then either mail it to or drop it off at the Supervisor of Elections office (981 NE 16th St., Ocala). You can also register to vote when you obtain a new driver's license or purchase tags for your vehicle at the Marion County Tax Collector's office.

**How can I find my polling place?** You can locate your polling place by going to the Supervisor of Elections website: [www.VoteMarion.com](http://www.VoteMarion.com). Your polling place is also listed on the front of your sample ballot. However, the Supervisor of Elections office is not a voting location on Election Day. If you have not voted by mail or at one of the early voting sites, vote at your designated polling place on Nov. 2.

**How do I know what is on the ballot?** Every registered voter is mailed a sample ballot. The sample ballot is usually mailed before early voting begins. That sample ballot also appears in the newspaper, and voters can see a copy of the sample ballot by visiting [www.VoteMarion.com](http://www.VoteMarion.com).

**What should I do if I've changed my name or address?** Contact the Supervisor of Elections office by Oct. 4 to update your records.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Marion County provides professional and resourceful public services for our citizens through strategic planning and cost-effective implementation of county initiatives, generating positive results that set the standard for quality local government.

"Meeting Needs by Exceeding Expectations"

# { VOTING 411 }

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**What do I need to take with me to the polls?** All voters are required to show a photo and signature ID. This includes a Florida driver's license, Florida ID card, military ID or passport. Any voter without proper ID will have to vote with a provisional ballot.

**How do I complete the ballot?** Completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice of candidate or issue.

**Do absentee ballots count?** Yes. These ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. on election night.

**Does our voting system have a paper trail?** Yes. The State of Florida certifies all voting systems in each of Florida's 67 counties.

**May I vote before Election Day?** Yes.

Marion County has early voting from Oct. 18 – 30 at select locations. Visit [www.VoteMarion.com](http://www.VoteMarion.com) to find early voting locations. You may also vote early via an absentee ballot. If you would like to vote via an absentee (mail) ballot, make your request to the Supervisor of Elections by Oct. 27, 2010. Completed absentee ballots must arrive at the Supervisor of Elections office by 7 p.m. on Election Day to be counted.

**How do I find out who won?** The Supervisor of Elections will periodically update its website, [www.VoteMarion.com](http://www.VoteMarion.com), on election night.

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Compiled by Miranda Iglesias, Marion County Fire Rescue

### BILL MCCONNELL

Communications Manager, Public Safety Communications



**What have been your positions while employed with Marion County?** I began working as an EMT with Marion County Fire Rescue in 1984 and now serve as Marion County's Public Safety Communication's Manager.

**What led you to your current career or position, and what made you interested in working in your field?** Almost 29 years ago, I became a Fire Explorer at Marion County Fire Rescue Ft. McCoy Station 7. Through this program (for teens and young adults ages 14 to 21), I became very interested in every aspect of public safety. However, I am most devoted to working in the public safety communications field.

**What is your typical day, week or month like?** In emergency services there is no "typical" day! You never know what each day is going to bring.

**What are some unique or interesting projects you've worked on while employed with Marion County?** I worked on our recent re-accreditation of Emergency Medical Dispatch, accreditation of our Emergency Fire Dispatch certifications and the development of new Standard Operating Guidelines. I also assisted with the launch of the new 911 Communications Center.

**What work accomplishment(s) make you feel the proudest?** Successfully merging the Emergency Medical Services Alliance, formerly known as EMSA, dispatchers with the Marion County Fire Rescue dispatchers. This process began July 2008 and became Public Safety Communications on Oct. 1, 2008. I'm also proud of helping make Marion County Public Safety Communications one of only 10 dispatch centers in the world to be dual-certified in the disciplines of emergency medical and fire dispatch.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?** That my thick gray hair is actually dark brown. I dye it gray to look more distinguished.

**What's the oddest job you've ever had?** I was an amusement ride operator at the old Six Gun Territory.

### Helpful Hints



### Voting Vitals

- On the ballot, Florida does not note which candidates are incumbents.
- Party affiliation for non-partisan races is not listed.
- Write-in candidate names do not appear on the ballot.
- The school board and county commission candidates are elected countywide by all voters.
- If you do not vote in every race, your ballot will count for the races you do vote on.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, request a new ballot from a poll worker.
- Some precincts may be busy, resulting in lines. However, if you are in line at 7 p.m., you may vote.
- Deadline to register to vote: Oct. 4
- Early voting (at select locations): Oct. 18 – 30
- Deadline to request an absentee (mail) ballot: Oct. 27
- Election Day: Nov. 2
- Poll hours on Election Day: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**BEHIND  
 THE  
 SCENES**

# Autumn awareness: county launching two public education campaigns

*By Peveeta Persaud, Marion County Fire Rescue and Elaine Delorio, Marion County Animal Services*

As candidates for public office pound the pavement, attend forums and work to get out the vote for the Nov. 2, 2010, general election, two Marion County departments launch a different type of campaign – a campaign to teach children how to escape from fire and a campaign to help families find new four-legged friends.

## FIRE RESCUE TEACHING KIDS LIFE-SAVING MESSAGES

Marion County Fire Rescue has launched its 2010 Fire Prevention Month campaign, teaching children how to “Get Down. Get Out. Get on the Phone!” during a fire emergency.

Department leaders have aggressively launched similar public education campaigns since 2007. But this year is different. Maggie, MCFR’s furriest volunteer, will help reinforce this year’s theme and demonstrate how to “Get Down. Get Out. Get on the Phone!”

Through partnerships with Marion County Public Schools and local private schools, Marion County firefighters, with Maggie in tow, will reach nearly 22,000 elementary school children through the following outreach methods:

- Face-to-face visits at all 33 public elementary schools in the county (through a partnership, Ocala Fire Rescue visits the eight schools in the city).
- Curriculum and lesson plans for teachers to incorporate in the classroom.
- A countywide poster contest based on the theme, which incorporates Maggie.
- Public education items for every child.
- A public service announcement video of Maggie demonstrating the safety messages for schools to play during the morning announcements throughout October.

Children will learn the following safety messages during the campaign:

### ■ GET DOWN.



- When the smoke alarm sounds, drop to the ground. Because smoke rises, the best breathable air will be closest to the floor.
- Always crawl to safety, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor; never run out of a burning building.

### ■ GET OUT.



- Immediately check the bedroom door with the front of your hand (not your palm.) If it’s hot, fire is on the other side. Use your pre-identified alternate exit (such as a window) to escape. If the door is not hot, open it and crawl to safety.
- Exit the home using the quickest and safest route; the quickest route may not be the front door. Never stop to get anything (toys, clothes, games and even pets) on the way out.

### ■ GET ON THE PHONE!



- Meet your family at a pre-designated place outside. The meeting place should be far away from danger but still easily accessible by all family members. A mailbox, large tree or a neighbor’s house are good examples of meeting places. Remember: everyone must know where to meet in a fire emergency, so everyone can be accounted for.
- Call 911 safely from your meeting place; never go back inside a burning building for any reason.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

## Autumn awareness: county launching several public education campaigns

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### FIRE RESCUE TEACHING KIDS LIFE-SAVING MESSAGES (CONTINUED)

Marion County firefighters encourage parents, grandparents and caregivers to reinforce the fire prevention month messages by creating a fire escape plan with their families. This includes creating a "map" or drawing of the home layout and identifying at least two exits from every room (door and window). On the map, label smoke alarms and designate a safe meeting place outside. Families should post the map in a highly visible area and practice the fire escape plan at least twice a year.

Families should also install one smoke alarm in every sleeping area as well as in the hallway and living room. They should test their smoke alarms each month and change the batteries twice a year.

Visit Marion County Fire Rescue's [website](#) to view the Fire Prevention Month 2010 public service announcement or gather additional information.

*Editor's Note: Marion County Fire Rescue Training and Safety Division Chief Bart Walker is Maggie's handler. No tax dollars are used to care for or train her.*

### FINDING A NEW FOREVER FRIEND

Would you believe that you could find a dog just like Maggie, a Labrador retriever mix, at the Marion County Animal Center? That's right. The Animal Center has all types of dogs, including huskies, beagles, German shepherds, dachshunds, poodles and Chihuahuas to name a few. In fact, if you've routinely read County Connection, you've already met Spud, Bella, Sara, Blackjack and Sasha.

The reasons these pups ended up at the Animal Center are as varied as they are. Some were left behind when their owners moved. Some became victims of the poor economy. Some had owners that passed away. Others wandered as loners, homeless from birth. Now, here they wait, hoping for a new home, happiness and safety – and offering lifelong friendship in return.

These are the shelter dogs of Marion County, some of the more than 6,000 dogs that come through the Animal Center each year. October is Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog month. Whether you're looking for a lazy lap-warmer or a super-size jogging buddy, you can find a new forever friend by visiting the Animal Center or attending any of Animal Services' outreach adoption events.

#### ANIMAL SERVICES "ADOPT A SHELTER DOG" EVENTS

Oct. 1	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 8	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 15	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 16	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dog Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
Oct. 22	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 23	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Dog Adoptions at PetSmart	3500 SW College Road, Ocala
Oct. 29	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages

## PETS OF THE MONTH

By Elaine Delorio, Marion County Animal Services



#### TD

TD is so glad it's finally football season again! This 4-year-old Labrador retriever mix will not only happily join you in watching the big game on TV but also in tossing around (and fetching) the ole' pigskin. Though TD is not-so-secretly a Gator fan, he knows he can become your team's biggest fan, if only you give him a chance. TD is housebroken, walks on a leash and gets along with kids and other dogs. Adopt TD and win a friend for life.

#### Sarah

Goofy. Silly. Loving. Affectionate. All words that describe this big puppy. Sarah, a sweet German shepherd mix needs a special someone to give her a lifelong friendship. Once she gets to know you, she'll remember and love you forever. If you're looking for a sweet dog that will never leave your side, you definitely want to meet Sarah.



The adoption fee for TD (A019068) or Sarah (A016813) is only \$40 and includes their spay/neuter surgery, county license, current vaccinations and microchip. Call Marion County Animal Services at 352-671-8700 for more information or visit the department Tuesday – Friday from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

# COMMISSION CORNER

By Heather Danenhower, Marion County Office of Public Information



Commissioners From L to R: Mike Amsden, Vice Chair Stan McClain, Chair Barbara Fitos, Charlie Stone and Jim Payton

## Board adopts fiscal year budget



Marion County Commissioners unanimously adopted their \$574 million fiscal year budget on Sept. 23, 2010, following two public hearings and multiple budget workshops. These tax dollars pay for various public services, including fire rescue, EMS, roads, growth management, libraries, parks and recreation and many other services. This money also pays for indigent health care and the local judicial system as well as Marion County's five constitutional offices: the Sheriff's Office, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Supervisor of Elections and Tax Collector.

While many Florida counties raised millage rates to balance their budgets, Marion County Commissioners held the countywide millage rate at 3.89 mills, which is slightly lower than the 2009-2010 rate. A millage rate of 3.89 equates to \$3.89 for each \$1,000 of taxable property values, or \$389 for a home with a taxable value of \$100,000.

The resulting tax levy is \$7 million below the roll-back rate (the amount Marion County collected in taxes during the 2009-2010 fiscal year) and \$33 million below the maximum tax levy allowed under Florida law. In short, the 3.89 millage rate will result in a tax savings (compared to the current year) for Marion County citizens, according to budget officials within the Marion County Clerk of the Courts.

Taxable property values, provided by Property Appraiser Villie Smith, showed the total taxable property value (used for budgeting purposes) declined by 11.2 percent this year, resulting in a \$2.1 billion shortfall. During the last three years, Marion County has experienced a 27 percent drop in taxable property value, a decrease of approximately \$6.1 billion.

In the adopted budget, Marion County's assessments also remained the same, including the \$165.99 residential fire assessment, \$87 solid waste assessment and \$15 stormwater assessment. In all, Marion County's departments and constitutional offices decreased the budget by \$20 million or from \$594 million in 2009-2010 to \$574 million in 2010-2011.

than 100 years old.

Instead of using tax dollars to move the statue, Commissioner Charlie Stone suggested setting up a separate account to accept donations. Landis Curry, a local citizen and lawyer, volunteered to organize the fundraising effort, raising more than \$34,000.

Several local companies donated labor and/or materials to the project. Commissioners made the decision to move the statue on Jan. 19, 2010.

## Confederate soldier has new home



In late August, an Inverness company dismantled and moved a 23-foot-tall Confederate Civil War statue, commonly referred to as Johnny Reb, from the south side of the Marion County Judicial Center to the northwest corner of the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park.

LaPerle Memorials also reconstructed the monument at its new location. Now, Jim Coulliard, a Marion County Landscape Architect, will work to include seating areas, landscaping, sidewalks and lighting to create an appropriate setting for the monument, which is more

## Marion's Zoning Division offers help for citizens in flood zones

Are you in a flood zone? If so, staff from Marion County's Zoning Division wants to help – free of charge. Zoning staff can help citizens determine whether their property falls in a flood zone. They can also provide information on Marion County's Flood Insurance Rate Maps and special rules for building within a flood plain. They can even provide copies of elevation certificates currently on file.

Last year, the Zoning Division worked with the Insurance Services Office (ISO) to improve Marion County's flood insurance rating from a "class nine" to a "class seven." The new rating could save citizens up to 15 percent on their flood insurance premiums (depending on the insurance policy). The rating system is based on a scale of one to 10, with one representing the best rating. Many, but not all, insurance companies use these ratings when calculating premiums for flood insurance.



Citizens can reach the Zoning Division by calling 352-438-2675 or visiting in person at 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Citizens can also contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (which oversees flood insurance programs) at 877-336-2627, the National Flood Insurance Program at 888-379-9531 or an experienced insurance agent.

# NEWSFLASH

## Transportation improvements continue as federal stimulus funds flow in

By Don Atwell, Marion County Office of the County Engineer



More road improvement projects will start this year as federal stimulus funds continue flowing into Marion County. The Marion County Office of the County Engineer, with assistance from Marion County Procurement Services and Office of the County Attorney, recently secured partial funding for construction of two additional projects through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or ARRA, and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Bidding for County Road 200A and County Road 318 (phase two) resurfacing projects is expected to start this month. ARRA monies will fund 100 percent of the construction costs of each project. In all, that's more than \$5 million in additional construction work in the county.

"This funding will provide a substantial economic boost to local contractors and will allow Marion County to improve some major roadways that may not have occurred for some time," said Greg Slay, director of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization, which oversees transportation planning in the county. "Marion County staff expedited projects and put the county in a good position to receive additional funding as it became available."

With the two new projects, the Office of the County Engineer now has a total of seven projects funded by the ARRA:

- Marion Oaks sidewalks (completed).
- Northwest 80th Avenue resurfacing (completed).
- County Road 484 resurfacing (near completion).
- Marion Oaks Trail sidewalks (near completion).
- County Road 318 resurfacing, eastern portion (under construction).
- County Road 318 resurfacing (phase two) and County Road 200A (bidding expected in October).

These projects represent an estimated \$12.5 million in additional construction improvements, which equals approximately 38 miles of resurfaced roads and eight miles of new sidewalks in Marion County.

## Outdoor Times wins award

By Gina Peebles, Marion County Parks and Recreation

The Florida Recreation and Parks Association awarded a 2010 Media Excellence Award to Marion County Parks and Recreation at an Orlando banquet in September. The association presented the award in honor of the department's "Outdoor Times" monthly e-newsletter, which focuses on providing current information on the department's parks, programs, activities and special events.



The annual award recognizes individuals or agencies that have significantly contributed to the public's increased awareness and recognition of public parks, recreation and leisure services programs. This may be achieved through print media or audio visual/electronic media.

## A Halloween haunt: TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

By Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

Spiderman, Harry Potter, Darth Vader and many other ghouls, witches and costumed creatures will snake through neighborhoods looking for some tricks and treats this Halloween. Parents can follow these safety tips to ensure that their children, tweens or teens have a ghouling good time.

- Purchase costumes that use face paint instead of ones that use masks, which can limit vision.
- Walk with your children while they trick-or-treat.
- Carry a flashlight or light stick and put reflective tape on any dark costumes to increase visibility.
- Only visit houses that have their front porch lights on or have someone sitting at the end of the driveway.
- Make sure that children pay attention to traffic in the neighborhoods. Minimize crossing the street by visiting an entire side of the street before visiting the opposite side.
- Halloween costumes, music and sound effects can be scary for animals, so keep pets at home. Pets are more likely to bite someone or act out if they are unsure of their surroundings. Also, never feed your pets Halloween candy.
- Plan the trick-or-treat route ahead of time and share it with family members.
- Instruct children to only accept treats at the doorway, and never allow them to go inside a stranger's house.
- Inspect all candy before eating it. Throw out any suspicious items or items that aren't properly sealed.
- Keep small candies away from young children to prevent choking.

## Did you know?

Ghosts, goblins, jack-o-lanterns and dressing up in costumes. Halloween's fun and antics are annual festivities for most Americans, but many may not know that the holiday actually dates back to the Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago.

Celts lived in the areas now known as Ireland, the United Kingdom and France. They held the festival Samhain on Oct. 31, during which they celebrated the end of their harvest and the end of their year.

## 2010 create – Bigger and better than ever

By Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

The Marion County Public Library System is bringing local teen talent together again this year. The second CREATE, the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library's "Colossal, Reading, Entertaining, and Artsy Teen Event" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13.

This year's CREATE will consist of a teen art show, filmmaker's festival and writer's workshop. Last year's Battle of the Bands has expanded into a talent show that will encompass dancing, acting, bands and other artistic acts.

Teens across the county can submit entries for the event. Professionals in the related fields will judge the submissions, and top entries will receive prizes. The deadline to apply for the competition is Oct. 24.

For more information about CREATE, contact the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library at 352-671-8551 or visit the library online at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>. The Friends of the Ocala Public Library and the City of Ocala cosponsor CREATE.

## fairy tales to come alive at special library event

By Karen Jensen, Marion County Public Library System



John Cech

*"Once upon a time in a library not very far away..."*

On Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, from 1 – 4 p.m., the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library Children's Services Division will transform itself into a magical land of

enchantment for the second annual Fairy Tale Extravaganza.

During the extravaganza the stage will be set for children ranging from babies to 12-years-old and their caregivers to dress up as their favorite fairy tale character and even solve a mystery as they follow the "Fairy Tale Trail."

Renowned University of Florida instructor and fairy tale author John Cech will also share excerpts

from his books and participate in a book signing. The Greenwood Morris Dancers will present dances during the event from medieval Europe, including a traditional Maypole.

Other activities include: Fairy Tale Bingo, marshmallow archery, chess and demonstrations of spinning and juggling. Children will also have an opportunity to make their own family shield, design a hat suited for a prince or princess and even practice their jousting skills while riding a magnificent, magical steed. Bring your cameras to capture those special moments.

For more information, contact the Children's Services Division at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library at 352-368-4533 or visit the library website at <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>.

Marion County  
**Public Library System** presents  
**create**  
(COLOSSAL, READING, ENTERTAINING,  
ARTSY, TEEN EVENT)

Come see the talents of Marion County teens as the **Marion County Public Library System** presents the second annual CREATE! This year's event includes a **fine arts show**, a **writer's conference** featuring local author Chad Douglas, a **filmmaker's festival** and a **talent show**.

**Interested in participating?** Applications are available at all library branches or by visiting the library's website: <http://library.marioncountyfl.org>.

**Application deadline is Sunday, October 24.**

**Saturday, November 13, 10 AM til ??**  
**Headquarters-Ocala Public Library**  
For more information, please call 352.671.8551.

CREATE is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library and is a public service of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

# IN CASE YOU Missed It!

By Miranda Iglesias, Marion County Fire Rescue and Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information



## Marion Oaks ground-breaking ceremony

Marion Oaks residents will soon have more room for neighborhood activities. Officials broke ground on a 10,000 square foot community center annex in August. Marion Oaks' property owners and residents will pay for the facility's construction and operating costs through Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU) per parcel assessments. This system is setup through the Marion County MSTU/Assessment Department.

## VFW Ribbon-cutting and ground breaking ceremony

Marion County Community Services helped the Ft. McCoy VFW home procure \$125,000, via federal monies, to renovate its facilities. Changes made included Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades to bathrooms, energy efficiency updates and interior renovations. Local and VFW officials held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to commemorate the updates in August.



Community Services also helped the VFW home obtain funding to construct an additional housing wing at the facility; after the ribbon-cutting for the renovations, the VFW hosted a groundbreaking for the expansion. The new wing will be approximately 9,400 square feet.

## 911 Communication Center Grand Opening



Marion County Public Safety Communications in cooperation with the Marion County Sheriff's Office and Ocala Fire Rescue celebrated the grand opening of the new 911 Communication Center on Aug. 25, 2010.

Home to almost 100 employees, the new communication center is 15,000 square feet and can withstand hurricane force winds of 160 miles an hour. This facility also hosts new features like instant 911 call-taking and break rooms.

## Garden Sense *October's weather ideal for some plants*

By Jo Leyte-Vidal, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service (Master Gardener)

If you are interested in doing some gardening this fall, October is an ideal month to plant trees and shrubs. The trees will have enough time to grow a good root system before the spring flush of growth begins, and they won't fall victim to rising warm temperatures. The Marion County Master Gardener's Fall Gathering will take place Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, on the grounds of the Extension Services office (2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala.) The Fall Gathering will have many trees and shrubs available and someone to answer questions about planting and care.

Other plants that do well when planted in October are strawberries and cool weather annuals such as foxglove, petunia, Shasta daisy, snapdragon,

chrysanthemum, aster, Joe Pye weed, sedum, perennial sunflower and spider lily.

Remember that October begins Florida's dry months. So, the sod web worm may take advantage of lower temperatures and drier weather and damage your lawn. Look for webs on the surface of your grass in the early morning. If you need to spray, you can use *Bacillus thuringiensis*, an organic pesticide, or Sevin. Marion County still has time before the freezes come, so you can also plant some vegetables, including bulbing onion varieties such as Granex or Texas Sweet. Other excellent cool weather vegetables are beets, kohlrabi, Swiss chard, broccoli, mustard, endive, cabbage, radish, arugala, carrots, spinach, lettuce, collards, turnips, garlic, mustard, peas and tomatoes.

Now is also the time to plant spring-blooming bulbs.

A favorite is the daffodil that will show its face when nothing else is blooming in February. The Florida Daffodil Society has developed bulbs that will succeed in our climate; they are called Carlton, Erlicheer, Early Pearl and Soleil d'Or. Plant them among other perennials, but do not disturb them after they are planted.



# Calendar of Events

Compiled by Sharan Reif, Public Safety Communications and Elizabeth Leger, Public Safety Communications

October 2010

## Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Oct. 5	9 a.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Oct. 14	9 a.m.	Board of County Commissioners Workshop (Neighborhood Stabilization Program and Solid Waste Issues)	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Oct. 19	9 a.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Oct. 19	2 p.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting (Zoning Portion)	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Oct. 26	4 p.m.	Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization Meeting	McPherson Complex Auditorium

## Marion County Animal Services

Oct. 1	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVWG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 2	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
Oct. 8	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVWG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 9	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
Oct. 13 - 15	All Day	Animal Center closed for cleaning	501 SE 66th St., Ocala
Oct. 15	12 - 1:30 p.m.	WVWG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
Oct. 16	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
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Oct. 30	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake

## Marion County Fire Rescue

To find out more information about CPR training, go to <http://www.marioncountyfl.org/FireRescue/CPR.aspx>; e-mail [cpr@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:cpr@marioncountyfl.org) to register.

Oct. 9	1 p.m.	CPR Training	Ocala Regional Medical Center 1431 SW First Ave., Ocala
Oct. 21	6 p.m.	CPR Training	MCFR Operations 3230 SE Maricamp Road, Ocala
Oct. 23	10 a.m.	Bellevue Station 18 Grand Opening	11941 SE 55th Ave., Belleview

## Marion County Parks and Recreation

Oct. 1	10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 3 - 5 p.m.	SportsAbility SportsAbility Pool Party	E. D. Croskey Recreation Center Hampton Aquatic Center
Oct. 2	10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	SportsAbility Art Van-Go (Ages 5-15) Art Van-Go (Ages 5-15) Art Van-Go (Ages 5-15)	Carney Island Baseline Road Trailhead Liberty Community Park Wrigley Fields
Oct. 5	8:30 a.m.	Interpretative Hike	Land Bridge Trail (Meet at Brick City Adventure Park)
	3 - 3:45 p.m. 4:15 - 5 p.m.	Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11) Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Belleview Sportsplex Belleview Sportsplex
Oct. 6	10 - 11 a.m. 10 - 11 a.m. 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art Program (Ages 10-14) Home School P.E. (Ages 5-9) Home School Art Program (Ages 4-9) Home School P.E. (Ages 10-17)	Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 7	9:30 a.m.	Kayak and Koffee	Rainbow River
Oct. 12	3 - 3:45 p.m. 4:15 - 5 p.m.	Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11) Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Belleview Sportsplex Belleview Sportsplex
Oct. 13	10 - 11 a.m. 10 - 11 a.m. 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art Program (Ages 10-14) Home School P.E. (Ages 5-9) Home School Art Program (Ages 4-9) Home School P.E. (Ages 10-17)	Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 15	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Silver River
Oct. 16	9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.	Kayak 101	Carney Island
Oct. 17	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
Oct. 18	9 a.m.	Outdoor Adventure for Home School	Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 19	9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.	Kayak 101	Carney Island

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Oct. 19	3 – 3:45 p.m.	Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Bellevue Sportsplex
	4:15 – 5 p.m.	Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Bellevue Sportsplex
Oct. 20	10 – 11 a.m.	Home School Art Program (Ages 10-14)	Brick City Adventure Park
	10 – 11 a.m.	Home School P.E. (Ages 5-9)	Brick City Adventure Park
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art Program (Ages 4-9)	Brick City Adventure Park
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School P.E. (Ages 10-17)	Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 21	9:30 a.m.	Kayak and Koffee	Silver River
Oct. 23	9 a.m.	Basic Wild Caving Experience	Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 24	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
Oct. 26	8:30 a.m.	Interpretive Outing - Pat's Island and Yearling Trail	Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 27	10 – 11 a.m.	Home School Art Program (Ages 10-14)	Brick City Adventure Park
	10 – 11 a.m.	Home School P.E. (Ages 5-9)	Brick City Adventure Park
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art Program (Ages 4-9)	Brick City Adventure Park
	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School P.E. (Ages 10-17)	Brick City Adventure Park
Oct. 29	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Rainbow River (KP Hole)
Oct. 30	3 p.m.	Owl-Ween	Carney Island

**Marion County Public Library System**

Marion County's libraries also offer many computer and GED programs, ESOL classes, story times and movie matinees. Visit <http://library.marioncountyfl.org> for more information.

Oct. 1	11 a.m.	The Friday Variety Hour - Retro Game Show	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 1	3:30 p.m.	Chill on Fridays - Teens 13+ - Manga Exchange	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 2	2 p.m.	Master Gardeners Series	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 3	2 p.m.	Spectacular Sundays: Tween Time @ Your Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 5	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 5	4 p.m.	Book Discussions - Books with Beat: Music-inspired Fiction	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 5	6:45 p.m.	Fairy Princess Party (Grades K – 5)	Dunnellon Public Library
Oct. 6	10:30 a.m.	Wired Wednesdays - Completing Your To-do List	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 7	10:30 a.m.	Master Gardeners Series	Bellevue Public Library
Oct. 7	1 p.m.	Free Computer Help	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 7	3 p.m.	Family Game Day	Bellevue Public Library
Oct. 7	4 p.m.	Science Exploration (Grades K – 5)	Dunnellon Public Library
Oct. 8	11 a.m.	Participate in Warm Up America!	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 9	10:30 a.m.	Get Down. Get Out. Get on the Phone! Program Provided by Marion County Fire Rescue, Bellevue Station 18	Bellevue Public Library
Oct. 12	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 12	12 p.m.	Brown Bag Luncheon	Reddick Public Library
Oct. 12	1 p.m.	Tuesday Movie Matinee	Bellevue Public Library
Oct. 12	2 p.m.	Master Gardener Series	Dunnellon Public Library
Oct. 13	10:30 a.m.	Wired Wednesdays - Halloween Crafty Capers	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 14	1 p.m.	Free Computer Help	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 14	2 p.m.	Adult Wii Fun!	Dunnellon Public Library
Oct. 15	11 a.m.	The Friday Variety Hour - Ready, Set, Improv	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 15	3:30 p.m.	Chill on Fridays - Teens 13+ - It's Movie Time!	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 18	2 p.m.	Monday Movie Matinee	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 19	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 19	5 p.m.	Teen Books with Beat and Pizza Treat!	Dunnellon Public Library
Oct. 20	10:30 a.m.	Wired Wednesdays - Computers for Beginners Series	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 20	2 p.m.	Wacky Wednesdays - Wii Games and Board Games for Teens	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 20	2 p.m.	Family Flix	Bellevue Public Library
Oct. 20	1 p.m.	Art Attack (Grades 4 – 7)	Freedom Public Library
Oct. 21	1 p.m.	Free Computer Help	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 21	3 p.m.	Family Game Day	Bellevue Public Library
Oct. 22	11 a.m.	The Friday Variety Hour - Origami	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 22	3:30 p.m.	Chill on Fridays - Teens 13+ - Crafts for a Cause	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 26	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 27	4 p.m.	Kids Art and Crafts (Grades K – 5)	Dunnellon Public Library
Oct. 28	1 p.m.	Free Computer Help	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Oct. 29	1 p.m.	Freaky Friday (For All Ages)	Freedom Public Library
Oct. 30	1 p.m.	Fairy Tale Extravaganza! (Ages 0-12 with Caregivers)	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

**Marion County Veterans Services**

Oct. 3	10 a.m.	Quarterly Memorial	Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park
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**UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service**

Oct. 9	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Master Gardener Fall Gathering Plant Sale	UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service
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