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## Doing More with Less A LETTER FROM LEE



A new day has dawned in Marion County, and we are making significant changes. We have launched this monthly publication to serve as the official source for news about Marion County government and to keep you informed of Marion County initiatives. We are also implementing other customer service measures to better serve you. Under my administration, you will get answers to your questions and so much more. If we do not know the answer to a question, we will track it down. If we are not the most appropriate agency to solve a problem, we will find out who is responsible. We are committed to providing you the excellent customer service you deserve and expect.

We have launched this monthly publication to serve as the official source for news about Marion County government and to keep you informed of Marion County initiatives. We are also implementing other customer service measures to better serve you.

We are moving forward and addressing the issues most critical to our citizens. This is especially important given these challenging economic times. To reach our goals, my talented staff and I have put into writing an unprecedented road map for Marion County's success entitled "Doing More with Less: It's All about Change." Marion County Commissioners unanimously adopted this 118-page document on April 21, 2009, which resulted in an immediate \$2.3 million budget cut, while also maintaining services. I have included highlights from the plan in this publication, but the entire document is available on Marion County's Web site: [www.marioncountyfl.org](http://www.marioncountyfl.org). As we implement the plan, I am confident we will improve services and cut costs.

Our commissioners have high expectations for success, and you should too. Over the coming months, your Marion County government will put into action our motto of *Meeting Needs by Exceeding Expectations* and will implement changes that are long overdue.

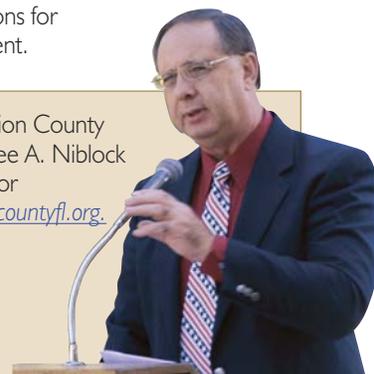
For our citizens, we pledge to accommodate your needs with a sense of urgency and immediacy. We vow to simplify complex issues and give volume to your voice during the decision-making process. Our 1,498 dedicated county employees, our most valuable resource, will help champion these initiatives.

For our municipal and business partners, we look forward to continued and expanded cooperation in areas that make sense. We are committed to accessible and ethical government that fosters unprecedented partnerships, engages all segments of our population and generates action-oriented results. Together, we will improve communication, stimulate diversified and

sustainable growth, develop long-range plans for solid waste, protect our water resources and improve our transportation infrastructure.

Within three years, I want Marion County to set the standard for quality local government and become our state's "go-to" public entity. Because progress is an evolution, not a revolution, these changes will undoubtedly take time. My staff and I are up for the challenge, and I look forward to hearing your suggestions for continued improvement.

You may reach Marion County Administrator Dr. Lee A. Niblock at (352) 438-2300 or [lee.niblock@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:lee.niblock@marioncountyfl.org).



# Doing More with Less HIGHLIGHTS

By: Heather Danenhowe, Public Information Manager, Barbra Hernandez, Public Education Specialists and Dennis Slifer, Recycling Program Coordinator

## Internal and External Communication

Unresponsive and inaccessible government is unacceptable. That is why Dr. Niblock has identified internal and external communication as his top priority. To improve our responsiveness, he has expanded the Office of Public Information and created the Office of Strategic Services using in-house resources. These offices will improve accountability and customer service, providing our 339,000 citizens answers to their questions.

## Economic Development

With 12 percent of Marion Countians unemployed, we are working to stimulate diversified and sustainable economic growth. For the first time ever, Marion County has partnered with the Economic Development Corporation and the city of Ocala to develop a joint economic development plan and unified position on funding infrastructure. Together, we have identified several potential industrial/business park opportunities. Most recently, we all worked together to keep Intellon Corporation and its 60-plus jobs in our community.

## Solid Waste



You can burn it, bury it or haul it away. These are our three solid waste disposal options. Burning it with a waste-to-energy incinerator is

a futuristic but very expensive concept used in some European and Asian countries. We can bury it for only six more years, because the Baseline Landfill will reach its capacity. We need

a new landfill, but no one wants us to build it near their home. We tried to haul it, but that proved inefficient. Solving our solid waste problems won't be easy, but we are researching various options and seeking partnerships. We will identify solutions as well as create a cohesive and practical model.

## Water Resources

Springs protection remains Marion County's main legislative priority. In a historic move on June 2, Marion County Commissioners approved a Springs Protection Ordinance that will improve the water quality of our first magnitude springs, including Rainbow Springs and Silver Springs. The ordinance, more than four years in the making, encourages proactive measures such as low impact development, advanced stormwater systems and Florida-friendly landscaping. However, this ordinance serves as the first step, not the final step, to protecting Marion County's most precious resource – water.



## Transportation Infrastructure

Marion County crews currently maintain 2,800 miles of roads throughout our community. That sounds like a lot, but with Marion County's vast 1,600 square mile territory, we need to add \$800 million in new roads. We also need to find viable solutions for our 400 miles of unpaved county roads. New funding sources are now available that will help pay for significant improvements to our transportation infrastructure. Meanwhile, we are researching methods to make this more affordable to taxpayers.

# BEST KEPT SECRET

By: Ann Sternal, Tourist Development Council Executive Director

## Tourist Development Council



Sitting on the corner of Fort King and Watula in Ocala's Historic District, you will find "The Manse," the offices for the Ocala/Marion County Visitors and

Convention Bureau (VCB). The VCB promotes Marion County as a destination for leisure and group travel through a wide array of marketing tactics.

These efforts are a vital part of our community's ongoing prosperity. Visitors bring new dollars to our community, supporting a vital tourism industry, contributing to sales tax revenue and creating ripples of economic activity at all levels of our local economy.

As part of its role as a destination marketing organization, the VCB operates Marion County's official Visitor's Center inside The Manse. Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1- 5 p.m., the Visitor's Center provides literature on county accommodations, attractions, restaurants, shopping places and other points of interest.

VCB staff and trained volunteers also provide personalized recommendations to help Marion County's guests discover new things to see and do. Although most of the guests are out-of-town visitors, the Visitor's Center is also a great resource for local citizens. Both newcomers and life-long residents can explore a wealth of information and find new ways to enjoy beautiful Marion County.

One of the VCB's core marketing tools, its Web site [www.OcalaMarion.com](http://www.OcalaMarion.com), is another community jewel. The VCB Web site receives thousands of visitors seeking information on where to stay, play, eat and explore in Marion County. More and more locals are also using the site to learn about upcoming events, activities and valuable special offers from local businesses. Residents are always just a few clicks away from exciting ways to be "a tourist in your own backyard."

For more information, contact the Ocala/Marion County Visitors and Convention Bureau. 409 SE Fort King Street • Ocala, FL 34481 (352) 291-9169 • [www.OcalaMarion.com](http://www.OcalaMarion.com).

# Commissioners CORNER

By: Heather Danenhowe, Public Information Manager and Suzie Futch, Administrative Assistant

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



## Commissioner Fitos Earns Accolades

The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) recently awarded Marion County Vice-Chair Barbara Fitos her Advanced County Commissioner (ACC) designation. This is an accomplishment that only 72 other Florida commissioners have received since the program's inception in 2006.



The Advanced County Commissioner program is a series of three seminars and includes 27 hours of course work. "The ability to get a broad perspective of how counties operate through this process was invaluable to me," said Vice-Chair Fitos. "To do business at home, we need to hear from our colleagues across the state, who are facing the same budgetary struggles we are. When we can share ideas and network, we can gain important insight on how to tackle our challenges."

## Commissioner Stone Wins Presidential Praise



The FAC also awarded Commissioner Charlie Stone with the 2009 Presidential Advocacy Award for his support of "home-rule" governance.

"Commissioner Stone was an invaluable volunteer for Florida's counties," said Cragin Mosteller, the FAC Communication Director. "His willingness to advocate on behalf of issues not only critical to Marion County but also all Florida's counties helped us to ensure Florida's citizens are protected in Tallahassee."

"I didn't expect the award, and I wasn't working to receive it," said Commissioner Stone with a chuckle. "I was just happy to help the association build a rapport with House Speaker Larry Cretul to lobby on important issues facing Marion County and many other counties throughout Florida."

## Veterans Home Gets Additional Funding

Marion County Commissioners unanimously approved a \$1.8 million federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) on June 16. A significant amount, \$391,946, of this money will go toward the construction of a wing for female veterans at the Ft. McCoy VFW Retirement Home located at 12801 NE 139th Place. The 9,433 square foot women's wing will have 16 units and house as many as 32 people.

On June 2, commissioners approved an additional \$125,000 in federal stimulus money to help renovate the Ft. McCoy VFW Retirement Home and \$344,000 for the women's wing project. The additional \$391,946 funding from the CDBG program will help expedite the project. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds the grant, which is earmarked for infrastructure projects in low income areas.

## Intellon to Receive Grant from Marion County

Marion County Commissioners recently awarded Intellon Corporation a \$100,000 Economic Development Financial Incentive Grant (EDFIG) to help create jobs and promote local business development. Intellon started in Ocala 20 years ago, investing millions of dollars in the community. The company is a semiconductor manufacturer that designs, develops, markets and sells integrated circuits worldwide. Intellon has outgrown its current location at 5100 W. Silver Springs Boulevard and wants to lease the larger SunTrust building in downtown Ocala. Marion County's support of Intellon serves as just one measure to stimulate diversified and sustainable economic growth.

## Board Action Brings Clarity to County Hiring Process

Marion County Commissioners unanimously agreed to update language in its employee handbook to clarify the hiring and recruitment procedures within Marion County government. This will benefit all

Marion County employees. This will also add transparency to the future hiring of a county administrator or county attorney. Commission Vice-Chair Barbara Fitos recommended the new verbiage to bring closure to a grand jury investigation that criticized the hiring of Marion County Administrator Dr. Lee A. Niblock on February 28, 2009. Though the grand jury did not find evidence of criminal wrongdoing in Niblock's hiring, Commissioner Fitos felt the new language would formalize an already existing hiring process.

## SE 31st Street Project Gets Green Light

In a unanimous decision, Marion County Commissioners agreed to accept a \$5.5 million bid from Westwind Contracting, Inc. of Bunnell for the SE 31st Street project. SE 31st Street will run from SE 19th Avenue to SR 464 (Maricamp Road) just east of the SE 36th Avenue intersection.

The project will entail construction of a four-lane roadway, including a median, utility work, sidewalks, bike lanes, traffic signalization and drainage retention areas that will minimize flooding and treat stormwater runoff.

Westwind Contracting is expected to start the project soon and complete it in 2010. The company has agreed to make a good faith effort to use local subcontractors and suppliers for 80 percent of the work.

## Helping Homeless Children Operation Stuff the Bus



Marion County Commissioners and employees care about this community's most vulnerable and underprivileged children. That's why they participated in the annual Operation Stuff the Bus campaign

for the sixth year in a row. The countywide effort provides Marion County's 1,700-plus homeless children the school supplies and clothing they need to be successful in the classroom.

# What's NEW

By: Kari Chiasson, Contract Coordinator and Heather Danenhower, Public Information Manager

## Responsive and Responsible



To create an atmosphere of responsiveness and accessibility, Marion County Administrator Dr. Lee A. Niblock created the Office of Strategic Services using existing in-house resources. Executive Administrative Manager, Jeannie Rickman will lead these efforts and

serve as an invaluable information artery for Marion County's 339,036 citizens. If citizens need answers to their questions or want the latest information on Marion County's initiatives, contact Rickman at (352) 438-2300 or [jeannie.rickman@marioncountyfl.org](mailto:jeannie.rickman@marioncountyfl.org).

## Cyber Facelift

Marion County's Web site, [www.marioncountyfl.org](http://www.marioncountyfl.org), is undergoing renovation. Citizens can now access a Customer Service Center that offers a one-stop Web page. They can also "Ask/Advise" the county administrator by visiting the "Meet the County Administrator" page located under the "Commissioners" tab at the top of the county's home page. If you'd like to help us make our Web site more user-friendly and relevant, please participate in this 10-question survey: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IE6110t8UPP5RCn13KJWKw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=IE6110t8UPP5RCn13KJWKw_3d_3d).



## McPherson Make-Over

Improvement and customer service are not just buzz words at the McPherson Governmental Complex. That's why crews from Marion County's Facilities Department are giving the administrative offices a make-over, the first since the 1970s.

The renovation project will bring the bathrooms up to code and ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities (ADA) standards. This required widening the doorways and constructing a ramp to ensure easier access to the complex.

The project will also ensure better utilization of the existing space. "We want McPherson to become a one-stop resource for all Marion County citizens," said Marion County Administrator Dr. Lee A. Niblock. "Once finished, we will move all of our senior managers to this location. If citizens have questions, they can get immediate answers without needing to drive to various locations throughout the county."



Because of the economic downturn, Marion County government purchased materials and supplies at record low prices. "We purchased porcelain tile for \$1.23 per square foot that would normally cost \$3 per square foot," said Facilities Department Director Andy Race. "We also recycled as much material as possible for re-use, such as the HVAC equipment. And we used mostly in-house resources." The Facilities Department additionally applied for several energy efficiency grants. Crews are expected to finish the project in August.



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

By: Judge Cochran, Public Information Officer and Heather Danenhower, Public Information Manager

## Library Liaison: Karen Jensen

Karen Jensen is the new community liaison for the Marion County Public Library System. Jensen will oversee grants, community relations and volunteer programs as part of her position.



Prior to joining the library family, Jensen owned a non-profit consulting firm and served as the Community Partnership Coordinator for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, 5th Judicial Circuit. There, she coordinated community development and public relations programs for a five-county area. Jensen feels she can make the largest impact by dedicating her efforts and talents to non-profit organizations and public agencies like the Marion County Public Library System.

Julie Sieg, Library Director, said Jensen will make a wonderful addition to the team. "We strive to make a positive impact on the lives of Marion County adults, teens and children through our successful grant and volunteer programs," she said. "Karen will help us spread the word about all of the opportunities that are available to the public."

## Fiscally Sound: John Schaefer

John Schaefer is Marion County's new fiscal manager. He will help existing staff manage the county's expenditures and cash flow as well as keep a close eye on revenues. Schaefer will also help each county department design and implement strategic business plans.



Schaefer has more than 30 years of experience in financial management, including working the last 10 years in Marion County in both the business and governmental sectors.

"I believe in continuous improvement," Schaefer said. "We will constantly look for methods and avenues to reduce cost, while maintaining and even increasing service level. My philosophy is this: if you can simplify the input, you will accelerate the output," he said.

# NEWSFLASH

## Parks Appreciation Month

By: Gina Peebles, Acting Parks and Recreation Department Director



Marion County Commissioners presented a proclamation in July in celebration of "Recreation and Parks Month." Representatives from Marion County's five municipalities, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and the Parks and Recreation Department accepted the proclamation. The declaration emphasized the importance of Marion County's professional parks and recreation system.

To celebrate, commissioners offered an online coupon and free admission into Carney Island, Horseshoe Lake, KP Hole and Ray Wayside (Ocala Boat Basin) on July 18 and 19. For more information on recreation programs, swimming, picnicking, tubing, boating, hiking and more, contact the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department at (352) 671-8560 or [www.marioncountyfl.org](http://www.marioncountyfl.org).



## Local Tragedy Hits Home

By: Diane Gault, Administrative Manager



Jacob Ward

A local tragedy hit too close to home for Marion County Facilities Management employee Clement Daoust. Daoust's grandson, Jacob Ward, was the teen who drowned in Island Lake in Ft. McCoy in late June. Jacob was swimming with a group of his friends at the lake where he drowned.

Jacob was a member of the Junior ROTC, an honor student and a diligent volunteer. Daoust often talked about his grandson. Jacob's mother, Vicky Fairbrother, said her son was always smiling and happy. He never met a stranger.

In lieu of flowers, many Marion County employees, including the firefighters' union Local 3169, donated nearly \$1,500 to the family to make funeral arrangements. The family and Facilities Management Department employees extend their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed.



From L to R: Jacob Ward and Clem Daoust

## Save the Dates: Fire Rescue Prepares for More Station Openings

By: Peveeta Persaud, Public Education Specialist

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners and Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) continue to exceed expectations with its 10-Year-Plan first adopted in 2001 to improve fire rescue services countywide. In August and September, fire and elected officials will celebrate the grand opening of two stations and the groundbreaking of a third station.

### August 6, 2009: grand opening of Friendship Station 21 at 10 a.m.

Station 21, formerly a turkey-processing plant, is rebuilt now and located at 7884 SW 90th Street.

### August 20, 2009: groundbreaking of Belleview Station 18 at 10 a.m.

The current station is too small, so MCFR will relocate and rebuild the station to accommodate current and future growth. The construction site is located at 11941 SE 55th Avenue Road in Belleview.

### September 22, 2009: grand opening of Ray Lloyd, Jr. Station 31 at 10 a.m.

This new station located at 11240 SW Highway 484 is dedicated to Ray Lloyd, Jr. of Florida Highlands Station 5. Lloyd died in the line of duty on February 7, 2001, while fighting a mobile home fire. As he started to hook up his tanker truck to a fire engine, he suddenly fell face first to the ground. His crews thought he had tripped, but sadly he suffered a heart attack and never regained consciousness. Lloyd, 65, died that day, becoming Marion County Fire Rescue's first and only line of duty death.

## Coming Up in SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Constitution Style Customer Service
- ▶ Inside the Economic Development Corporation
- ▶ Honoring Fallen Heroes and More
- ▶ Labor of Love: The History of Labor Day



# Bits & Pieces

• Marion County Fire Rescue (MCFR) is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. The department's first paid firefighter, Robert Desmarais, was hired on March 2, 1979. This marked the start of turning the county's individual volunteer stations into the progressive, professional fire stations they are today. MCFR is now the second largest fire rescue department north of Orlando and more than 600 employees strong.



- The United States has 84 first magnitude springs. Nearly 30 percent, or 33 out of these 84 springs are located in Florida. And three of these, Rainbow Springs, Silver Springs and Silver Glen, are located right here in Marion County.
- The Solid Waste Department receives about 300 tons of recyclables each week through Marion County's 18 recycling centers and Baseline Landfill.



Mandatory lawn watering restrictions specify the days when you may water. These days depend on whether you have an address that ends in an odd or even number, and on the time of year. So unless your day and number are up, please make sure those sprinklers stay down.

## know your days

Time of year	Homes with addresses that end in an odd number (or have no address)	Homes with addresses that end in an even number	Nonresidential properties
Daylight Saving Time	Wednesday/Saturday	Thursday/Sunday	Tuesday/Friday
Eastern Standard Time	Saturday	Sunday	Tuesday

- Daylight Saving Time is the second Sunday in March until the first Sunday in November.
- Eastern Standard Time is the first Sunday in November until the second Sunday in March.

### Additional restrictions include:

- Water only when needed and not between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Water for no more than one hour per zone.
- Restrictions apply to private wells and pumps, ground or surface water and water from public and private utilities.
- Some exceptions apply.

### Learn more at [www.floridaswater.com](http://www.floridaswater.com)

Information provided by the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Marion County Board of County Commissioners.

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# BUY LOCAL RALLY

Photos By: Judge Cochran, Public Information Officer



To stimulate the local economy, representatives from Marion County, the city of Ocala, the Economic Development Corporation and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce turned out for this "Buy Local First" rally held in downtown Ocala. The campaign encourages people to buy local in order to safeguard jobs and create new ones. On July 21, Commissioners adopted a Buy Local policy.



# Q & A

You asked, and now we're answering.

**Is Marion County government anticipating additional layoffs this year?**

No. In April, Marion County Administrative Services Bureau Chief Bill Kauffman and Human Resources Director Drew Adams conducted a "bottom-up review" of Marion County's operation and cut 82 positions from the budget, resulting in 33 layoffs. The remaining positions were vacant. This, along with other cuts, resulted in \$2.3 million in savings. While Marion County government will continue striving for greater efficiencies, the county administrator does not anticipate further layoffs this year unless something drastic occurs.

**How will you improve customer service within the Growth Management Department?**



If you've not received good customer service in the past, you will be pleasantly surprised. Under the leadership of Acting Director Jimmy Massey, the Growth Management

Department has implemented cross-training initiatives as well as streamlined the permit routing process. These changes have already significantly improved customer service and efficiency. Massey and his team are also routinely meeting with representatives from the building industry to form partnerships and better understand what's needed. This is only the beginning.



Kelli

## PETS OF THE MONTH

Purfect love is waiting for you in the form of cuddly kitty Kelli at Marion County Animal Services. Kelli (ID# MCAC 180721) is a four-year-old female domestic medium hair cat who is looking for a new home. Will you be Kelli's new friend?



Blaze

Fetch. Run. Play with your new future dog, Blaze, at Marion County Animal Services. Blaze (ID# MCAC 101296) is a seven-year-old male boxer/Labrador retriever mix looking to share his doggie daydreams. Are you that special someone?

The adoption fee for either Kelli or Blaze is only \$40 and includes their spay/neuter surgery, county license, current vaccinations and microchip.

# Calendar of Events

Compiled By: Judge Cochran, Public Information Officer

## Marion County Events

Month	Date	Time	Event	Location
August 2009	August 1	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	August 4	9 a.m.	Marion County Commission Meeting	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	August 6	10 a.m.	Friendship Station 21 Grand Opening	7884 SW 90th Street, Ocala
	August 7	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park
	August 7	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages
	August 8	9:30 a.m.	Adult Kayak Outing	Withlacoochee River
	August 8	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	August 14	9:30 a.m.	Adult Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
	August 14	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages
	August 14	3 p.m.	MCFR Employee Recognition Ceremony	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	August 15	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. U.S. Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	August 18	9 a.m.	Marion County Commission Meeting	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	August 18	2 p.m.	Marion County Commission Zoning Hearing	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	August 20	10 a.m.	Belleview Station 18 Groundbreaking	5745 SE Hames Road, Belleview
	August 21	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park
	August 21	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages
	August 22	9:30 a.m.	Adult Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
	August 22	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	August 25	4 p.m.	Public Meeting of the Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	August 28	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages
August 29	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Birding Class	Brick City Adventure Park	
August 29	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake	
September 2009	September 1	9 a.m.	Marion County Commission Meeting	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	September 2	10 a.m.	Home-School P.E. and Recreation	Brick City Adventure Park
		10 a.m.	Home-School Art Program	Brick City Adventure Park
		11:15 a.m.	Home-School P.E. and Recreation	Brick City Adventure Park
		11:15 a.m.	Home-School Art Program	Brick City Adventure Park
	September 4	9:30 a.m.	Adult Kayak Outing	Rainbow River
	September 4	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages
	September 5	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	September 9	9:30 a.m.	Adult Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
	September 10	6:50 p.m.	Tentative Budget Adoption Public Hearing	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	September 11	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages
	September 12	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	September 12	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	PetSmart Adoptathon	3500 SW College Road, Ocala
		10 a.m.	Art Van-Go	Baseline Road Trailhead
		12 p.m.	Art Van-Go	Liberty Community Park
	September 12	2 p.m.	Art Van-Go	Wrigley Fields
		9 a.m.	Marion County Commission Meeting	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
		2 p.m.	Marion County Commission Zoning Hearing	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
	September 18	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
	September 19	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake
	September 22	10 a.m.	Ray Lloyd, Jr. Station 31 Grand Opening	11240 SW Highway 484, Dunnellon
	September 22	4 p.m.	Public Meeting of the Ocala / Marion County Transportation Planning Organization	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
		7 p.m.	Final Budget Adoption Public Hearing	601 SE 25th Avenue, Ocala
September 25	12 - 1:15 p.m.	WVLG Dog Adoptions	1101 Main Street, The Villages	
September 26	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 N. US Hwy 441, Lady Lake	
September 28	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Park Explorers for Tweens/Teens	TBD	

\*Some of these event dates and times are subject to change without notice