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LEED Time?

FOREST LIBRARY goes green

By Karen M. Jensen, Marion County Public Library System

Green technology, green jobs and green living. Going green is the buzz phrase these days. But if you want to learn the latest about green construction and environmental sustainability, go to the new Forest Public Library where the lesson is the library itself.

The new Forest Public Library, located at 905 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha, has the potential to become Marion County's first county-owned building to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification, the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of green buildings.

Buildings with LEED characteristics incorporate resources more efficiently than conventional buildings, which are just built to code. The result? A building that leaves a positive

environmental imprint and saves taxpayer money by operating more efficiently. In fact, according to Marion County Facilities Management, the library's new 10,800 square foot Forest-area facility complies with all of the major categories of the LEED rating system: energy, environmentally-efficient use of land, water, recycled materials and resources, indoor air quality and innovative design.

The previous Forest Library, located at 777 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha, will become a community center through a partnership among Marion County Community Services, Marion County Public Libraries and Marion County Parks and Recreation.



From 1987 until 1996, a retired bookmobile staffed with volunteers served Forest-area residents until crews constructed the existing 4,600 square foot Forest Public Library branch. Space constraints at that location led to plans for facility expansion. The new facility will provide a separate space for children, more public access computers and additional study rooms.

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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"

TOP STORY

LEED Time?

FOREST LIBRARY goes green
(CONTINUED)



The project budget was approximately \$3 million, including the land purchase; professional, permitting and impact fees; and construction, furniture and equipment. Various funding sources, including a federal Community Development Block Grant, paid for the project.

Did you know? Some of the library's LEED characteristics:

- All buildings, the driveway and the parking areas are more than 100 feet from a wetland.
- More than 75 percent of the area surrounding the library has remained either undisturbed or has been restored.
- Light control sensors will turn off non-essential interior lighting during non-business hours.
- Native plants, representative of the original ecosystem, landscape the area and will require less irrigation, saving water.
- Dual-flush toilets, waterless urinals and low-flow faucets coupled with motion-activated hand sinks will reduce water consumption.
- Water conservation measures will reduce water use by 41 percent.
- High performance lighting, heating and cooling equipment will reduce energy costs by 25 percent as compared to standard equipment used.
- Sixteen percent of the construction materials have recycled content, including metal doors and frames, metal studs, carpet, ceiling tile, ceramic tile, concrete, aluminum window frames, denim wall insulation and countertops to name a few.
- Crews recycled 12 tons of concrete from the construction site instead of taking the materials to the landfill.
- Crews installed germicidal lights in the air handlers to maximize system efficiency, prolong blower life and treat the air that passes through the HVAC units with ultraviolet light. This will reduce airborne contaminants such as bacteria, viruses, mold spores, yeast and protozoa and provide healthier air to breathe.

BEST-KEPT SECRET

Spring into green at



Bring some spring green into your home with the 16th Annual Master Gardeners' Spring Festival. Come March 13-14, citizens can visit the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service (2232 NE Jacksonville Road) and attend one of the largest plant and garden expos in Marion County, featuring more than 120 vendors. On sale: plants, flowers, trees, palms, garden décor, water pond accessories and even Koi fish.

By Natasha Masciarelli, Marion County Extension Service

2010 Spring Festival

Saturday, March 13 | Sunday, March 14
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Children 12 and under are free; everyone else \$1 per person.

No pets allowed.

Seminar Schedule

Saturday, March 13

- 10 a.m. "Growing Local, Eating Local" (limited to the first 100 people) presented by: Chef Paulette Prudhorn.
- 12 p.m. "Identification and Solutions to Common Lawn Problems" presented by: Steve Kelley of the Scotts Company in Apopka.
- 2 p.m. "Environmental Benefits of Utilizing Native Plants" presented by: Jim Couillard, Marion County Parks and Recreation Landscape Architect.

Sunday, March 14

- 1 p.m. "Florida-friendly Landscaping" presented by: Dr. Esen Momol, Director, Florida-friendly Landscaping™ Program, University of Florida.
- 3 p.m. "Dooryard Fruit Production" presented by: Dr. Esen Momol, Director, Florida-friendly Landscaping™ Program, University of Florida.



The festival also offers several educational events, including in-garden talks that focus on this year's green home gardening theme. These mini-seminars will provide residents with information on the latest gardening techniques and green methods. Other plant and garden-related organizations – such as the native plant, bonsai and rose societies – will also distribute information, and the Master Gardeners will answer questions about lawn and garden problems and caring for newly purchased plants.

A free tram will take event-goers to and from the parking area to the festival, and 4-H members will carry plants in wagons for tips. The festival will also have vendors selling food and drinks. Call 352-671-8400 or go to www.marioncountyfl.org/IFASextension.htm for more information.

In-Garden Talks held in demonstration gardens at county Extension Office

Saturday, March 13

9:30 a.m.	Vertical Vegetable Gardening	Ray McNeal, Master Gardener
10 a.m.	Micro-Irrigation and Rain Barrels	Kathleen Patterson, Master Gardener
11:30 a.m.	Composting and Mulching	Bill Miranda, Master Gardener
12:30 p.m.	Dealing with Root Bound Plants	Linda Krausnick, Master Gardener
1:30 p.m.	Butterfly Gardening	Anna Williams, Master Gardener

Sunday, March 14

1 p.m.	Pest Control Tactics	Carol Ann Baldwin, Master Gardener
2 p.m.	Growing and Using Herbs	Pat Greenfield, Master Gardener
3 p.m.	Hydroponics	Tim Williams, Master Gardener

BEHIND THE SCENES

Marion Firefighters Help Injured Haitians

By Miranda Iglesias, Marion County Fire Rescue

Nine days after a devastating earthquake shocked the country of Haiti, Marion County Fire Rescue Lt. Mark Nowery travelled to help bring relief to earthquake victims in Fermanthe, Haiti. "It was absolutely incredible," Nowery said. "As we landed, the runway was lined with tents from all over the world; it looked like a battle zone."

Working in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse (an international relief organization) at Haiti Baptist Hospital, Nowery worked with a special orthopedic group of surgeons, family practice doctors and nurses, serving as the only emergency responder on the team. "People were being flown in by helicopter, while others lined up outside the hospital," Nowery said. "Some waited eight hours just to get inside."

Assigned to wound care, Nowery cleaned infections and injuries for patients before and after their operations. "Being a paramedic, I'm taught to take care of trauma, but this was totally different because they needed long-term aggressive care," Nowery said. "As emergency responders, we seldom have enough time to build relationships with the patients, but there I would clean their wounds every day, and they thanked me over and over."

Nowery helped treat more than 120 patients in Haiti. He formed a tighter than expected bond, though, with one patient in particular. "I took care of a woman with a wound on her leg that required at least 45 minutes of aggressive care at least once a day," Nowery said. "She became deathly anemic one day, but thankfully we had the same blood type, and I was able to donate my blood to save her life. At the end of the transfusion,

the interpreter told me all she could say was, 'Dr. Mark, you make my heart beat stronger'."

During his two-week stay in Fermanthe, Nowery worked 14-hour shifts. He estimates he personally took care of more than 120 patients and delivered four babies. Altogether, the team performed more than 1,000 operations.

Friendship Station 21 Volunteer Firefighters Michael Reilly and David Heller also went to Haiti to help relief efforts. The pair partnered with the Haitian American Nurses Association and Project Medishare from the University of Miami. Reilly and Heller worked in Port Au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 19-23. They worked at a makeshift United Nations tent hospital and then setup a hospital at the Port Au Prince airport.

Reilly attended to patients, cleaning wounds and assisting with basic operations. Heller worked as a floor nurse, getting doctors whatever the patients needed, administering medication and directing and transferring patients to different facilities.



The earthquake destroyed a Haitian Church.



MCFR Lt. Mark Nowery smiles for the camera next to an infant receiving care.



Locals removing debris in search of survivors.



David Heller (L) and Michael Reilly (R), both MCFR Volunteers, also deployed to Haiti.



MCFR Lt. Mark Nowery with one of the children he helped.

COMMISSION CORNER

By Heather Danenhowe, Marion County Office of Public Information and Elaine Delorio, Marion County Animal Services



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

Board votes to move Civil War statue to Veterans Memorial Park



In a unanimous decision, Marion County Commissioners voted to move a massive 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 earlier this year.

Instead of using tax dollars to move the statue, Commissioner Charlie Stone said that in-kind and private donations could pay for the move. As a result, the board directed Marion County Clerk of the Court David Ellspermann to set up a separate fund to collect donations. Jim Couillard, a Marion County Parks and Recreation Landscape Architect, estimated that the move would cost between \$25,000 and \$30,000. This amount does not include site preparation, lighting or other enhancements.

Citizens who wish to contribute should send checks to "Care of the Clerk's Office ■ Attention: Finance ■ P.O. Box 1030 ■ Ocala, FL 34478." Contributors should make checks payable to "Marion County Board of County Commissioners ■ For: Donation-Confederate Statue." Donations are tax deductible.

Citizens who have questions should contact Landis Curry, a local citizen and lawyer who volunteered to organize the fundraising campaign, at 352-351-2222.

Workforce partnership employees start with Marion

Nearly two dozen people joined Marion County's workforce in mid-February as part of a subsidized employment initiative known as the Florida Back to Work Program. These workers are assigned to Marion County Facilities Management and Marion County Parks and Recreation.

Marion County Commissioners approved a partnership contract on Feb. 2, 2010, as part of an agreement between Marion County government and the Workforce Connection.

As part of the program, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Florida Department of Children and Families have allocated \$2 million to the State of Florida and earmarked those funds for Marion County.

Marion County will pay a percentage of the total cost of benefits (such as workers compensation) and grant administration to employ these individuals. For example, if an employee earned \$25,000 in six months, Marion County would pay \$1,900 to employ this person. The remaining \$23,100 would come from federal stimulus funds. Workforce Connection has hired a third-party staffing agency, Mary K. Thomas Employment Services, to screen, hire and pay the employees.

As part of the partnership, Marion is set to hire 27 people. The positions are temporary because the federal funding is expected to expire in September 2010.

Commission votes to keep dangerous dog definition the same

The Marion County Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on Feb. 2, 2010, to decide whether to change the dangerous dog ordinance. Commissioners first heard citizen input in December and continued to receive feedback throughout January.

At the Feb. 2 meeting, commissioners unanimously voted not to change the original dangerous dog definition. The definition states that officials can declare a dog dangerous if it has killed or more than once injured a domestic animal or livestock while off the owner's property.

However, commissioners voted to adopt some changes to the ordinance, including reducing the dangerous dog registration fee. Commissioners reduced the original \$500 annual fee to \$250 for the first year and \$100 for each subsequent year.

Commissioners also voted to clarify the dangerous dog

hearing process. Marion County Animal Services will make a determination as to whether an incident presents sufficient cause to classify a dog as dangerous. The dog owner then has the opportunity to request an official hearing. Commissioners will determine the composition of the hearing board at the March 2 meeting. The dog owner can also appeal the classification in county court.

Board evaluates county administrator at one-year mark



Four of the five Marion County Commissioners gave Marion County Administrator Dr. Lee A. Niblock his first evaluation as a county administrator in February. The board members rated Niblock an average of 3.62 on a scale of one to five, with one representing the lowest score. As of County Connection deadline time, Commissioner Mike Amsden has not submitted his evaluation but said at the Feb. 2 board meeting that he plans to do so soon.

The board evaluated Niblock in 13 areas, including leadership, communication, responsiveness, respect and fair treatment, quality staff results, service to the community, problem solving and management of the organization. The board also evaluated him on the five tenets of the board-adopted "Doing More with Less" plan, which includes improving internal and external communication, stimulating diversified economic development, addressing Marion's long-term solid waste needs, protecting water resources and enhancing transportation infrastructure.

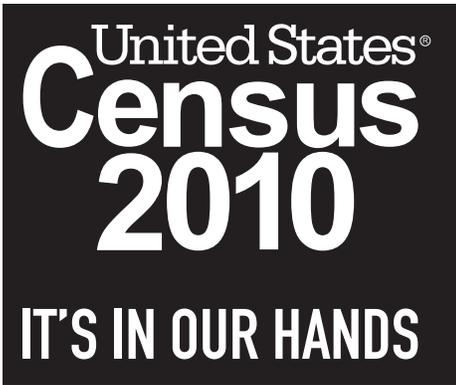
Save the Date

Aerobic Box Community Discussion

Marion County Commission Chair Barbara Fitos, Assistant County Administrator of Public Works Larry Thacker and Airport Manager John Helms will meet at the Dunnellon Airport (15070 SW 111th St., Dunnellon) on March 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to discuss the aerobic box above the Dunnellon Airport. Concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

NEWSFLASH

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED



By Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

Do you know what involves millions of people, tells us how we've changed as a nation and affects more than \$400 billion in federal governmental spending each year? It's the 2010 Census, and the time has

arrived for you to receive, complete and return your 2010 Census form.

Your 2010 Census form will arrive by mail this month. By simply filling out the form and mailing it back in the postage-paid envelope, you will help Marion County move forward.

One of the shortest census forms in history, the new 2010 Census form asks only 10 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The questionnaires ask households basic information, including whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, races and relationships of others living in the same household. This basic information will help our communities better plan for the future by letting government know where we need more resources.

Be sure to mail your completed census form back by April 1 (Census Day). This is the quickest and most efficient way to complete the census. If workers don't receive a completed census form from your residence, they will follow up with a personal visit to help you complete your census form. All census information is confidential; workers can't share your answers with anyone. All census workers will carry official identification and will not ask for private information, such as social security numbers or bank account details.

As a Census Bureau partner, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners encourages you to participate in the 2010 Census. For questions or additional information about Marion County's role in the 2010 Census, please contact Chris Rison, Marion County's Complete Count Committee leader, at 352-438-2600.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

By Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

Chris Rison, Senior Planner – Making sense of the 2010 Census

Marion County planners, among others, help develop blueprints that help Marion County grow. One such planner is Chris Rison of Marion County's Growth Management Department.

A 30-plus-year-Florida resident, Rison first became intrigued by the planning field while attending a City of Jacksonville seminar about downtown redevelopment in high school. "It turned on a light bulb for me," he said. "I had actually already enjoyed observing the development industry, looking at where and how shopping centers and subdivisions developed."

He started his planning career in Indian River County and then came to Marion County 16 years ago, where he works

on various county projects, including development review planning activities for commercial and residential development.

Rison is also leading an initiative that will help chart Marion County's path for the coming years – the 2010 Census. He is overseeing and directing the county's census initiatives and outreach efforts as part of Marion County's Complete Count Committee.

As part of his census duties, Rison has worked and met with community groups and local citizens who then spread information about the census and its importance. Marion County had a 62 percent response rate in the 2000 census – something Rison wants to improve.

"I was surprised to find out how few people responded to the census in 2000," he said. "To me, being an American means participating in the census and making sure I get counted." The census is fast, easy and confidential. In fact, the 10 question survey, the shortest in history, takes only 10 minutes.

Census officials will mail the census form to all households in Marion County and across the nation starting in March 2010; the official Census Day is April 1, 2010. Starting in

May 2010, census workers will begin following up with people who didn't respond to the mailed census questionnaire.

Census data are used to distribute congressional seats to states, allocate more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year and make decisions about what community services to provide. But for Rison, census data helped him reconstruct his family history. "I went to the National Archives with my dad and looked at the census from 1890," he said. "We found my dad's great grandfather."

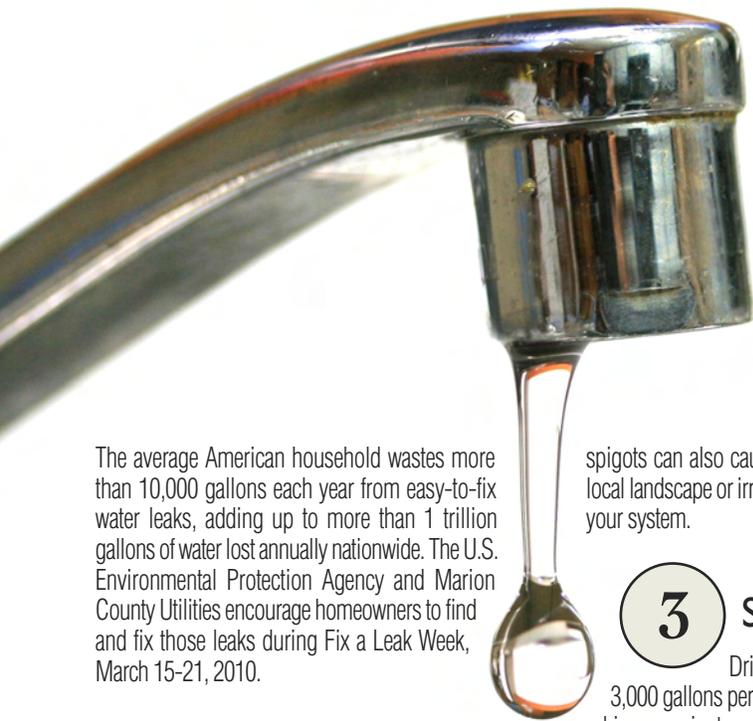
Rison says the upcoming census is an important step to make sure that every citizen counts. "When the census misses you, your community misses out too," he said.



Fix Those Utilities celebrates Fix a Leak Week – March 15-21

Leaks

By Nia Haynes, Marion County Utilities Department



The average American household wastes more than 10,000 gallons each year from easy-to-fix water leaks, adding up to more than 1 trillion gallons of water lost annually nationwide. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Marion County Utilities encourage homeowners to find and fix those leaks during Fix a Leak Week, March 15-21, 2010.

spigots can also cause water loss. Contact a reputable local landscape or irrigation specialist for assistance with your system.

3 Save Water

Dripping faucets can waste more than 3,000 gallons per year. A leaking showerhead with 10 drips per minute wastes approximately 500 gallons per year, and running toilets can leak 200 gallons or more each day. Fixing household leaks not only saves water but also can reduce water utility bills by more than 10 percent.

1 Find Leaks

Walk around your home with eyes and ears open to find leaks, and don't forget to check pipes. You can also reveal a silent toilet leak by adding a few drops of food coloring to the tank and waiting 15 minutes without flushing. If color appears in the bowl, you have a leak.

2 Fix Leaks

Most of the time, you can fix leaks at little or no cost. You should tighten or seal both faucets and showerhead connections with a wrench or pipe tape. For leaky toilets, the rubber flapper inside the tank is often the culprit. Over time, the flapper decays, but replacing it only costs a few dollars. If you don't feel comfortable with these repairs, a licensed plumber can help. Irrigation systems and outdoor

Be Water Wise

If you need to replace plumbing fixtures, save even more water by replacing them with WaterSense-labeled models. You can find the WaterSense label on toilets, faucets and soon showerheads too. For more information and tips about how to save water during Fix a Leak Week, visit www.epa.gov/watersense or www.marioncountyfl.org/waterconservation.htm.



PDGA Disc Golf Tournament Comes to Ocala

By Leah Hoffman, Marion County Parks and Recreation Department



A different sort of golf tournament will make its way to Marion County soon. A Professional Disc Golf Association tournament, the Sunshine State Shootout, will be in Marion from March 26-28. Both professionals and amateurs can compete at the event.

Players will compete at the Pine Oaks Preserve and Baseline Road Trailhead course located at Southeast 64th Avenue. The three-day tournament is expected to bring up to 144 professional disc golf players to Ocala. The amateur tournament will be a two-day event beginning at the Baseline course and moving to the Pine Oaks Preserve Course on the Saturday of the tournament. Approximately 180 novice players are expected to attend the amateur portion of the tournament.

This event is one of nine national tour events in which men and women players accumulate points toward their seasonal total to determine the Professional Disc Golf Association Tour Championship.

For more information, please contact the Pine Oaks Preserve at 352-629-8226.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT!

MARION COUNTY PARTAKES IN International Exchange

By Barbra Hernández, Marion County Office of the County Engineer

With the spirit of the Olympics still fresh in our minds, residents may be interested to know about a different type of international exchange that happened in Marion County within the past year.

Marion County employees joined professionals from Germany and the Netherlands to participate in a group study exchange program in 2009, obtaining insight on development and community issues in their respective countries.

A Dutch team from the southern Netherlands visited the Office of the County Engineer, where they learned about some of Marion's clean water innovations, such as the recent stormwater retrofit project along Southeast 31st Street and U.S. Highway 441. Later, a German group from the state of Nord Rhine-Westphalia visited the county's Growth Management Department where they discussed community planning strategies in their locales.

Office of the County Engineer Project Manager III Evan Shane Williams, Ph.D., P.E., coordinated the visits through a Rotary International program. Williams, a member of a local Rotary chapter, then had the opportunity to visit the Netherlands where he learned about their approaches to stormwater and watershed management.



SNOW MUCH fun!

Photos by Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

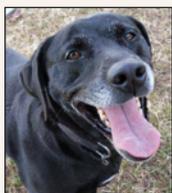
Short sleeves and shorts usually don't go with snow, but this is Florida, and the rules are different.

The Marion County Public Library brought snow to Ocala on February 20, 2010. Area children sledged and played in the snow, getting a taste of a white winter—Florida style.



PETS OF THE MONTH

By Elaine Delorio, Marion County Animal Services



Sasha



Sara

Sasha

Leash trained? Check. House trained? Check. Crate trained? Check. Approximately 8-year-old Labrador retriever mix Sasha (ID No. MCAC 148144A) thinks she'll meet the other marks on your checklist too. Come meet her today, play a little bit of fetch and see how she'd love to share her energy, cheerfulness and affection with you.

Sara

German shepherd mix Sara (ID No. D-2010-552) says it will take only about five minutes to convince you she's the perfect best friend for life. Approximately 3 years old, gentle when she's playful and always happy, she would be a great addition to any family. Visit today to meet your new canine companion.

The adoption fee for either Sasha or Sara is only \$40 and includes the animal's spay/neuter surgery, county license, current vaccinations and a 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.

Calendar of Marion County Events

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

March 2010

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

March 2	9 a.m.	County Commission Meeting	County Commission Auditorium
March 11	12 – 5 p.m.	Marion County Employee Blood Drive (for LifeSouth)	McPherson Governmental Complex
March 16	9 a.m.	County Commission Meeting	County Commission Auditorium
March 16	9 a.m.	County Commission Meeting – Zoning Portion	County Commission Auditorium
March 20	8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	March of Dimes Azalea Sale and Flea Market	Tax Collector Parking Lot 503 SE 25th Ave.
March 23	4 p.m.	Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization Meeting	County Commission Auditorium
March 26	3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Rededication of Brick City Adventure Park	1211 SE 22nd Road, Ocala

Marion County Animal Services

March 5	12 – 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
March 6	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
March 12	12 – 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
March 13	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
March 13	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Dog Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
March 19	12 – 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
March 20	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake
March 26	12 – 1:30 p.m.	WVLG Radio Station Dog Adoptions	1101 Main St., The Villages
March 27	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Cat Adoptions at PetSmart	534 U.S. Highway 441, Lady Lake

Marion County Extension Service

March 13	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Master Gardeners' Spring Festival	Marion County Extension Service 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala
March 14	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Master Gardeners' Spring Festival	Marion County Extension Service 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala

Marion County Parks and Recreation

(Programs may require pre-registration and a small fee; please call 352-671-8560 for more information.)

March 3	9 a.m.	Preschool P.E.	Brick City Adventure Park
March 3	10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art and P.E. Program	Brick City Adventure Park
March 4	10 a.m.	Kayak and Koffee	KP Hole
March 5	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Withlacoochee River
March 6	9:30 a.m.	Bird and Nature Walk	Moss Bluff - North
March 6	10 a.m.	Art Van-Go	Baseline Road Trailhead
March 6	12 p.m.	Art Van-Go	Liberty Community Park
March 6	2 p.m.	Art Van-Go	Wrigley Fields
March 6	9 a.m.	Basic Wild Caving Experience (Ages 8+)	Brick City Adventure Park
March 9	10 a.m.	Kayaking 101	Carney Island
March 12	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
March 15	10 a.m.	Home School Adventure Education (Ages 12-16)	Brick City Adventure Park
March 16	9 a.m.	Interpretive Outings	Pat's Island and Yearling Trail Hike
March 18	10 a.m.	Kayak and Koffee	Ray Wayside
March 20	8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Fishing Derby	Lake Eaton
March 20-21	2 p.m. – 11 a.m.	Family Overnight Camp-out	Carney Island
March 22	10 a.m.	Home School Adventure Education (Ages 8-11)	Brick City Adventure Park
March 23	10:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Bunny Brunch	Wrigley Fields
March 24	9 a.m.	Preschool P.E.	Brick City Adventure Park
March 24	10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art & P.E. Program	Brick City Adventure Park

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Calendar of ^{Marion County} Events (Continued)

March 2010

March 25	10:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Bunny Brunch	Baseline Road Trailhead
March 27	9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Kayaking 101	Carney Island
March 27	8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Fishing Derby	Lake Eaton
March 27	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Birding Class	Brick City Adventure Park
March 28	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Ocklawaha River
March 29	10:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Bunny Brunch	Liberty Community Park
March 30	10:30 a.m.	Brown Bag Bunny Brunch	Brick City Adventure Park
March 31	9 a.m.	Preschool P.E.	Brick City Adventure Park
March 31	10 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School Art and P.E. Program	Brick City Adventure Park

Marion County Public Library System

March 1	2 p.m.	Monday Movie Matinees	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 2	4 p.m.	Teen Book Discussion (Ages 13–18)	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 2	1 p.m.	Tuesday Movie Matinees	Bellevue Public Library
March 2	5 p.m.	College Knowledge for Teens	Bellevue Public Library
March 3	2 p.m.	Wednesday Matinees (Ages 13–Adult)	Forest Public Library
March 4	1 p.m.	Introduction to the Computer	Bellevue Public Library
March 4	3 p.m.	Family Game Day	Bellevue Public Library
March 5	1 p.m.	Classic Movies	Dunnellon Public Library
March 6	2 p.m.	Bulbous Plants in the Flower Garden	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 6	10 a.m.	Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 6	10:30 a.m.	AARP Tax Help	Dunnellon Public Library
March 7	2 p.m.	Parent/Tween Book Club (Grades 4–6)	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 8	2 p.m.	Monday Movie Matinees	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 9	1 p.m.	Tuesday Movie Matinees	Bellevue Public Library
March 9	2 p.m.	Herbs and Their Uses	Freedom Public Library
March 11	4 p.m.	Art with Jane Gravois (Grades K–5)	Dunnellon Public Library
March 13	12:05 p.m.	Teen Tech Gaming Tournament (Ages 13–18)	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 13	10:30 a.m.	Sidewalk Chalk Art	Bellevue Public Library
March 13	10:30 a.m.	AARP Tax Help	Dunnellon Public Library
March 13	10 a.m.	Health Screenings for Adults	Forest Public Library
March 13	2 p.m.	Cat in the Hat Birthday Party (Pre-K–3)	Marion Oaks Public Library
March 14	2 p.m.	Meet the Author: Joel Seaton	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 15	2 p.m.	Monday Movie Matinees	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 16	1 p.m.	Tuesday Movie Matinees	Bellevue Public Library
March 16	5 p.m.	"Is there anything Duct Tape can't do?" (Teens)	Bellevue Public Library
March 16	2 p.m.	Best Lawn in the Neighborhood	Dunnellon Public Library
March 17	2 p.m.	Wednesday Matinees (Ages 13–Adult)	Forest Public Library
March 18	10:30 a.m.	Vegetable Gardening	Bellevue Public Library
March 20	2 p.m.	"American Girl Tea Party" (Grades K–6)	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 20	10:30 a.m.	AARP Tax Help	Dunnellon Public Library
March 22	2 p.m.	Monday Movie Matinees	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 23	1:15 p.m.	Fabulous 4s and 5s	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 23	1 p.m.	Tuesday Movie Matinees	Bellevue Public Library
March 24	2 p.m.	Family Flix	Bellevue Public Library
March 24	4 p.m.	Krafty Kids	Dunnellon Public Library
March 24	2:30 p.m.	Kids Klub	Forest Public Library
March 24	2 p.m.	Savvy Scavengers Online (Grades 4–6)	Freedom Public Library
March 24	2 p.m.	Construction Zone (Preschool–6)	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 25-27	10 a.m.	Friends Booksale	Freedom Public Library
March 27	10:30 a.m.	AARP Tax Help	Dunnellon Public Library
March 29	2 p.m.	Monday Movie Matinees	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 30	1:15 p.m.	Fabulous 4s and 5s	Headquarters-Ocala Library
March 30	1 p.m.	Tuesday Movie Matinees	Bellevue Public Library
March 30	5 p.m.	Teen Movie Night	Bellevue Public Library
March 30	10:30 a.m.	Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes	Dunnellon Public Library

Marion County's public libraries also offer many story time and computer training opportunities. Please contact your local library for dates and times. Registration or reservations are required for some events.

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