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Revamped RECYCLING

By Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

TOP STORY

One, two, four, seven... The numbers on the bottoms of our plastics and other potential recyclables can seem meaningless, and it isn't always easy to tell whether or not we can recycle the item locally. A new county plastics recycling program, however, will help clarify recycle time confusion.

Marion County Solid Waste kicked off its new plastics recycling program on Oct. 1. Through the revamped program, Solid Waste now accepts a wider range of plastics at each of its 18 recycling centers. Residents are able to recycle any plastics numbered one through five or seven; the number is shown on the bottom of the item inside a recycle symbol (if the item is recyclable). Styrofoam (shows as a number 6) remains excluded from the list.

The new list of recyclables could include everything from your child's plastic toy to the tray from your fast-food salad. Previously, Solid Waste accepted only some plastics for recycling. Residents need to continue cleaning their plastics before setting them aside for processing.

New state guidelines

The new program is a product of a Florida Legislature bill passed earlier this year. The bill set new recycling goals for Florida's communities and a timeline by which each community is to reach set recycling rates. The purpose – reduce the amount of waste that Floridians generate, which consequently also adds life to the landfills and related facilities statewide.

The state set incremental steps to achieve the recycling goals. By 2012, local municipalities and governments should reach a 40 percent recycling rate; by 2016, they're lined up to recycle 60 percent of their waste. By 2020, the state legislature wants all of Florida's communities to have a recycling rate of 75 percent.

Residents will benefit in some direct and indirect ways from the new initiatives. Recycling more plastics will extend the life of the Baseline landfill. When we later re-use the recycled products, we will also no longer need to create new plastics, which saves and/or redirects energy costs that would have gone toward creating new products. Plastics creation is also heavily dependent on petroleum. Through recycling more plastics, the county will also be helping reduce demand for oil.

Nov. 15 is **America Recycles Day**. Participate in the special day by recycling at your local recycling center or by pledging to begin recycling.

Recycle unwanted electronics at the county's special e-waste collection event on Nov. 13, where residents can drop off computers, radios and more. Visit Solid Waste online for more information.



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”

**BEHIND
THE
SCENES**

Veterans Services

By Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information



Approximately 46,000 veterans call Marion County home. With that number of veterans in the community, there's a wide variety of benefits for which they are potentially eligible. That's where Marion County Veterans Services comes on scene to assist – free of charge.

With a veteran's military discharge form (also called WD AGO 53, DD-214 or Certificate of Service), Veterans Services staff can assess and direct veterans (and dependents) toward their allotted benefits. They can help veterans apply for healthcare, education, widow's and burial benefits, as well as home and small business loans. They can even assist veterans with filling out forms to replace coveted lost awards, such as the Purple Heart or Bronze Star. If veterans can't locate their discharge forms, the department can also help veterans obtain a new one.

Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park

The Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial park

officially opened in 1997 as a tribute to the nation's military veterans. The park contains more than 5,000 commemorative bricks and 200 benches – all donated by veteran/community organizations, individuals and families. Yearly events at the park include special Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Four Chaplains programs. The park also hosts quarterly memorial ceremonies in January, April, July and October in memory of veterans who passed away in the previous three months.

The outside wall of the park along East Fort King Street showcases plaques from veteran organizations recognizing their support. The inside of the park shows a sequential history of all wars, conflicts and battles starting with the Indian War in 1628 and continuing to the present. Veterans Services has administrative responsibilities for the memorial park while Marion County Parks and Recreation provides the upkeep and grounds maintenance. Veterans Services coordinates the park's programs, memorials, tours, and bench, brick and plaque donations.



Department Name: Marion County Veterans Services
Address: 2528 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala
Phone Number: 352-671-8422
Department Director: Jeffrey Askew
Number of staff: 8
Hours: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Marion County Veterans Services serves as a liaison to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), providing professional casework for area veterans. Staff advise and assist veterans and their dependents in preparing claims for and securing compensation, hospitalization, vocational training and other benefits or privileges to which they may be entitled per county, state and/or federal law or regulation (or through military service). Any veteran and/or family member of eligible veterans can contact Veterans Services for assistance with benefits.



Veterans Day Celebration

The Marion County School Board will hold a Veterans Day celebration at the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11. An estimated 1500 students will attend the festivities, including various JROTC drill teams, high school bands and elementary school choruses. Seating is limited – please arrive early if you are planning on attending.

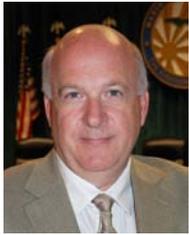
COMMISSION CORNER

By Heather Danenhower, former Marion County Public Information Manager, and Karen Jensen, Marion County Public Library System



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

New economic manager joins county team



Fall brought Marion County's new Economic and Small Business Development Manager, Rick Michael, 56, into the fold. Michael will help Marion County leaders continue their quest to stimulate economic development and create jobs. Michael replaces Lucienne Gaufillet who resigned in July.

Since 1983, Michael has worked in a variety of economic and business development capacities in Pennsylvania and Florida for communities ranging in size from 100,000 to 1 million citizens. During the last eight years, he served Volusia County government, establishing Volusia's first Department of Economic Development.

During his tenure with Volusia County, Michael said his economic development program generated millions in new capital investments for manufacturing facilities, equipment and machinery, resulting in thousands of high-wage jobs. He also planned, designed and constructed hundreds of acres of new shovel-ready industrial parks.

Michael said Marion County is known for its natural resources but recognized its central location as one of its best assets to entice potential employers. "Marion County is logistically positioned," he said. "We can either enhance existing opportunities and future reuse of current development or we can add to the existing infrastructure through the infusion of new opportunities. Either choice must meet the demands of our changing economy through use of new technologies and competition with other areas."

Michael's starting salary is \$70,012.80.

Board extends impact fee suspension through June 2011

In a unanimous decision, the Board of County Commissioners voted in September to extend the transportation impact fee suspension through June 2011. The idea: continue lifting the transportation impact fees to encourage economic development and job creation.

Between Jan. 1 and Aug. 31, 2010, staff reported that a total of 437 residential and non-residential permits were pulled in unincorporated Marion County (excluding the cities of Ocala, Belleview and Dunnellon). This could generate as much as \$2.7 million in impact fee relief. During the same time period in 2009, 305 permits were pulled in unincorporated Marion County.

To offset losses to the Transportation Impact Fee fund, which pays for the construction of new roads or expansion of existing roads, commissioners chose to use a portion of the remaining one-cent local option sales tax proceeds. The remaining balance of the one-cent local option sales tax proceeds is about \$650,000 (of the \$1.7 million) according to Growth Management officials.

The latest decision marks the board's third vote on this topic. In a 3-2 vote on Jan. 5, 2010, with Commission Chair Barbara Fitos and Commissioner Jim Payton dissenting, the majority of commissioners suspended all transportation impact fees effective Jan. 1, 2010 – March 31, 2010. When that time period expired, the commissioners unanimously voted on April 6, 2010, to extend the suspension through the end of 2010.

Forest Public Library achieves gold in green certification

If you want to learn the latest about green construction and environmental sustainability, you don't have to travel far. A quick drive to the new Forest Public Library provides a lesson in green that's gold-certified.



The U.S. Green Building Council has declared Marion County's Forest Public Library (905 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha) LEED® Gold certified. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the nation's pre-eminent program for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings; "Gold" is the second highest designation applicants can receive. The Forest Public Library is Marion County government's first LEED Gold certified building and the third Gold certified library in the state. Characteristics of

the new Forest Public Library that comply with the LEED rating system's six major areas include: energy and environmentally efficient use of land, water, recycled materials and resources, indoor air quality and innovative design. County staff and officials came before the Board of County Commissioners in October to talk about the LEED process and receive awards for the LEED certification.

By using less energy and water, a LEED-certified building saves money for families, businesses and taxpayers, reduces greenhouse gas emissions and contributes to a healthier environment for residents, workers and the community. The Forest Public Library achieved LEED certification for energy use, lighting, water and material use as well as for incorporating a variety of other sustainable strategies.

By constructing the building using LEED practices, the library reduced the development footprint, saved a projected 25 percent in energy costs and reduced water use by 41 percent compared to standard measures. Some additional green highlights include the use of recycled materials (denim jeans) for insulation, a recycled bike rack and preferred parking for energy-efficient vehicles (to promote less fuel consumption). The green planning also extended beyond the building to the driveway and parking areas, which were positioned away from surrounding wetlands. Water-efficient and native Florida plants provide eco-friendly landscaping that requires little to no irrigation.

"This is a great example of county staff and local architectural, engineering and construction teams working together to produce a phenomenal end result," said Marion County Facilities Management Director Andy Race. "Most of the same components that helped to achieve a LEED Gold rating at the Forest Public Library are being used in all Marion County buildings. This is helping us conserve energy, save tax dollars and minimize our carbon footprint countywide."

Architecture Studio, Inc., designed the library's building plans and paid for the LEED application. Ethridge Construction of Marion County, Inc., built the facility.

NEWSFLASH

Celebrate *safely* this holiday season

By Miranda Iglesias, Marion County Fire Rescue

Turkeys, Christmas trees and cold weather, oh my! Can you believe the holiday season is almost here? Remember, when the hustle and bustle of life begins to get a little crazy, take one holiday at a time, and make safety your first priority.

Cooking

To ensure your holiday cooking stays safe, follow these guidelines from the National Fire Protection Association:

- Don't use the stove or stovetop if you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol.
- Stay in the kitchen whenever you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you need to leave the kitchen, turn off the stove. Never use a turkey fryer indoors.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind yourself when items should be taken out.
- Keep all combustibles, such as oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels and curtains, away from your stovetop.
- Use oven mitts or potholders when touching handles or lids to prevent burns.

Décor

It is no surprise that many families begin hanging holiday decorations and buying Christmas trees around Thanksgiving. To start the holidays out on the right foot, remember to follow these festive tips.

- Make sure your Christmas tree is fresh; shedding needles is a sign of a dry tree.
- Keep your tree moist by placing it in a stand that holds water.
- Make sure artificial trees are flame-retardant.
- Never smoke or hang flammable decorations near your tree, and never smoke in bed.
- Never put a tree in front of an exit.



Fireside

- Buy electric lights that are approved by a national testing lab and look for the "UL" tag.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.

After a large holiday meal, many people find comfort in a warm spot near the fireplace to take a short siesta. Unfortunately, fireplaces and chimneys are dangerous heating sources, and precautions need to be taken to prevent house fires.

- Use only seasonal woods.
- Build smaller, hotter fires that burn more evenly and cause less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, wrapping paper, Christmas trees or trash. These items can ignite chimney fires.
- Keep the area around a fireplace clean and free from flammables like stockings, rugs and other home furnishings.
- Hire a licensed and insured professional chimney sweeper to clean and inspect your chimney and fireplace.



County retrofit tames stormwater pollution

By Barbra Hernández, Marion County Office of the County Engineer



Marion County has taken a monster step forward in protecting local water resources and the Floridan aquifer—literally.

On Oct. 4, the Marion County Board of County Commissioners inaugurated the Silver Springs/River Pollution Reduction Project. Commonly dubbed the "monster pipe project", the \$1.9 million enterprise treats polluted stormwater runoff along a portion of State Road 40.

Historically, untreated runoff from a 1.3-mile section of the road and nearly 200 acres of its associated watershed drained into Half-Mile Creek, a tributary to the Silver River. To treat the runoff and keep pollution from entering the waterbodies, the county retrofitted an old drainage system at that location.

The new treatment system consists of a pump station, a pipe line (or force main) and a stormwater pond. These features work together to remove sediment, litter and other pollution from the runoff. The project is anticipated to remove an estimated 35 tons of sediment, 900 pounds of nitrogen and 85 pounds of phosphorus annually. Additionally, educational signage along portions of the project site will provide visitors permanent opportunities to learn about stormwater pollution prevention as well as historic uses of the project tract.

The Silver Springs/River Pollution Reduction Project was funded by Marion County, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the St. Johns River Water Management District and the Florida Department of Transportation. Citizens and community organizations may request educational tours of the site by calling the Marion County Office of the County Engineer Stormwater Management Section at 352-671-8880.

Marion's green grant making progress

By Heather Danenhowe, former Marion County Public Information Manager

The one year anniversary of an energy grant just passed, and the Marion County Facilities Management department has made significant progress. Marion County staff applied for and received a \$2.45 million Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant from the federal government in October 2009. These grant dollars, which do not require a local funding match, have enabled Marion County to implement energy efficiency strategies at various county facilities and save local tax dollars.

Currently, Marion County Facilities Management staff is leading the design and installation of a solar panel water heating system at the Marion County jail. Inmates are providing additional labor. Once operational, each solar panel will hold two and a half gallons of water, producing enough hot water to fill four 1,000 gallon storage tanks.

"This solar system could reduce the jail's natural gas needs by half," Facilities Management Director Andy Race said. "This is not just a one-time savings. It could save \$300,000 a year in reoccurring energy costs."

Facilities crews have already installed solar water heating panels at seven Marion County Fire Rescue stations, providing enough water for 10 firefighters at each station. The stations include Friendship Station 21, Spruce Creek Station 30, Ray Lloyd, Jr. Station 31, Liberty Station 32, Belleview Fire Station 18, Anthony Fire Station 1 and Salt Springs Station 15. One additional station (Shady Station 16) will also receive the solar panels.

"... You have taken the first step to create jobs, accelerate economic recovery and diversify our energy mix to cut pollution and increase national security," said Tobias Russell, Acting Program Manager for the Department of Energy, in a July 15 letter to Marion County Facilities Management. Due to the dollar amount of the grant, federal officials are required to inspect Marion County's progress. "You have effectively demonstrated successful progress in deploying Recovery Act funding and showcasing the value of the (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant) program at this critical time."

Brock Adams, Southeast Region Sales Manager of Rheem, which is known for its air conditioning and water heating manufacturing systems, said the solar farm at the Marion County jail is the company's largest solar commercial project in Florida and the only jail in the Southeastern United States to have Rheem's solar technology.

"Once the job is complete and the other pods are added, the Marion County jail will be Rheem's largest national solar project," Adams said.

Since December, staff has also facilitated the installation of 30 waterless urinals at 10 county-owned parks (saving up to 40,000 gallons of water per year per unit). A subcontractor installed thermal windows at the McPherson Governmental Complex. Race said that crews will also be installing thermal windows and a high-efficiency air conditioning system at the Marion County Clerk of Court's Office. Many local contractors benefited from the work generated from the grant, and all final products are made in America.

Marion to showcase GIS uses



By Mel Northey, Marion County Information Technology, and Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

In the pre-computer days, working with multiple maps could be a labored process. With the use of geographic information systems (GIS), however, visualizing multiple maps at the same time became much easier.

GIS brought mapping into the 21st century by enabling its users to easily add, remove and mark map locations, and this computerized geography is used everywhere from sales and law enforcement to local government. For government, this means there are practical uses for it in departments ranging from Fire Rescue and Solid Waste to Utilities and Growth Management, where it enables staff to easily see, identify and analyze trends (among other benefits) – and respond accordingly.

The county is holding a special [GIS Day celebration](#), "Discovering Marion County Through GIS," on Nov. 17, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Marion County Public Library Headquarters-Ocala. At the event residents can learn how the county uses GIS and how they can use and access GIS resources at home. Participate to learn more or walk through some GIS basics on your own at Marion County's [GIS maps webpage](#).



Change your clocks; *change your batteries*

By Miranda Iglesias, Marion County Fire Rescue



Fall means change. We change our clocks, our clothing and even our routines. However, one change you can make this fall has the potential to be lifesaving – changing the batteries in your smoke alarms.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, in 23 percent of home fire deaths from 2003-2006, the smoke alarms that were in the home failed to go off. Sadly, most smoke alarms don't work because of missing, dead or disconnected batteries or poor maintenance. On Sunday, Nov. 7, when clocks fall back one hour, Marion County Fire Rescue encourages you to make the potentially life-saving decision of changing the batteries in your smoke alarm.

Remember these safety hints to protect your home and loved ones:

- Replace smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year (when the time changes or when the low battery alarm chirps).
- Test and inspect each smoke alarm at least once a month to make sure it's working properly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Never "borrow" a battery from your smoke alarms because you will likely forget to replace it.
- Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home, inside every sleeping area and in common areas such as hallways and living rooms.
- Mount smoke alarms on the ceiling or four to 11 inches from the ceiling on walls.
- Don't install smoke alarms near windows, in corners, outside doors or near air ducts where drafts might interfere.
- Brainstorm a fire escape plan, and practice it with your family at least twice a year, identifying two exits from every room and establishing a safe meeting place outside.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Compiled by Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information

STEVE JACOBS

VETERANS SERVICES OFFICER
 MARION COUNTY VETERANS SERVICES



When did you start with Marion County? June 2006.

Are you from Marion County originally? If not, where else have you lived? I grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa. I retired from the Navy and have been stationed several places in the U.S., but most of my career was in the Mayport/Jacksonville area.

What is your educational background: Bachelor of Science in Workforce Education from Southern Illinois University.

What are some unique or interesting projects you've worked on while employed here? I have run the brick and bench program for the Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park. (Individuals, families or organizations can purchase a brick or bench to be inscribed and placed in the Veterans Memorial Park. As of last year, there were more than 5,000 bricks and 200 benches in the park.) I also teach a "Retooling and Refueling" class for veterans at CF (the main objective of the class is to teach veterans how to transition from the military into a civilian job) and have served as a board member for CLM Workforce.

What work accomplishment have you been proudest of? I'm most proud of being involved in the development and start of the Retooling and Refueling program with CF and One Stop Workforce.

What would you like for the average resident to know about your department or position? We are a free service to help veterans and their families with all possible county, state and federal benefits.

What are your hobbies/interests? Scuba diving, camping, boating... and golf, definitely not competition worthy, though.

PETS OF THE MONTH

By Elaine Delorio, Marion County Animal Services



Jake

Jake

A 1-year-old Beagle, Jake thinks he owns anything he sets eyes or nose on. He knows his tri-color coat is nearly perfect, and he comes with all the qualities people want: he's housebroken, he likes to play outside, and he gets along with other dogs. Once he meets you, he'll claim you for his own. If you're looking for a young dog with equal parts energy and affection, Jake is for you.

Denali

Playtime anyone? Denali is an active 2-year-old domestic shorthair cat who loves to romp and play. But sometimes she just likes to close her bright green eyes and curl up for a catnap on your lap. Affectionate and loving, Denali is hoping you'll choose her.

The adoption fee for Denali (A018773) or Jake (A021041) is only \$40 and includes the 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.

IN CASE YOU Missed It!

Compiled by Christy Jergens, Marion County Office of Public Information



SportsAbility

The Florida Disabled Outdoors Association brought SportsAbility to Marion County for the second time in October. Designed to enhance the lives of those with disabilities by promoting active living, SportsAbility provides adaptive recreation opportunities for people of all abilities, their families and friends. The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department and Marion County Parks and Recreation co-hosted the festivities.

On Oct. 1, attendees participated in events such as wheelchair basketball, adaptive golf, tennis and bocce at the E.D. Crosky Center, Hampton Aquatic Center and MLK Recreation Complex. On Oct. 2, events moved to Marion County's Carney Island Recreation and Conservation Area, where participants boated, canoed, kayaked and sit-skied (among other activities).



Heart Walk

Marion County employees joined other heart health-focused residents to participate in the American Heart Association Heart Walk on Oct. 9, 2010, at the Baseline Road Trailhead. County employees raised more than \$2,000 for the association through its participation.

Garden Sense *The good and the bad of gardening practices*

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



Many people ask Marion's Master Gardeners for planting tips. Below are some of the basics that all planters should know.

Water

Over watering is a huge problem that causes fungal diseases and dieback in turf and root rot in plantings.

Lawns should not receive more than one inch of water per week. Turn off automatic sprinkler systems during our rainy season.

Fertilizer

Sometimes we need to ask ourselves if we really need to fertilize. Do we really want fast, maximum growth? Most plants fare better when they grow slowly and easily to their normal size. A giant tomato usually does not have as much flavor as the average, slowly grown fruit.

Mulch

Mulching is great to keep roots cool, keep down weeds and prevent excessive evaporation. But if piled too high, mulch can cause suffocation and shallow root growth, which will eventually girdle the tree or shrub. No more

than 4 inches deep is recommended. Also, it should not touch the trunk or stem.

Pesticides

Do we really need to kill all the bugs? No. Most plants could lose up to one third of their leaves to insects and survive quite well.

Many of our insects are beneficial to our gardens. They will eat the "bad" bugs and/or help pollinate our crops. Pesticides are known to destroy insects that are necessary for our plants' lives.

The overarching theme for each of these is the same — too much of any good thing can destroy, so be mindful about using too much fertilizer, mulch or pesticides.

Calendar of Events

Compiled by Natalia Cox, Marion County Growth Management and Elizabeth Leger, Public Safety Communications

November 2010

Marion County Board of County Commissioners – 601 SE 25th Ave., Ocala; 352-438-2323

Nov. 2	9 a.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Nov. 11	All Day	ALL COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY	
Nov. 16	9 a.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Nov. 16	2 p.m.	Board of County Commissioners Meeting (Zoning Portion)	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Nov. 18	12 – 5 p.m.	LifeSouth Community Blood Centers Marion County Employee Blood Drive	McPherson Governmental Complex
Nov. 23	4 p.m.	Ocala/Marion County Transportation Planning Organization Meeting	McPherson Complex Auditorium
Nov. 25-26	All Day	ALL COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY	

Marion County Animal Services – 5701 SE 66th St., Ocala; 352-671-8700

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

Marion County Parks and Recreation – 111 SE 25th Ave., Ocala; 352-671-8560

Some events may require registration and/or a small fee. Please call the Parks and Recreation Department for additional information.

Nov. 2	9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. 3:15 – 4 p.m. 4:15 – 5 p.m.	Kayak 101 (Adult) Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11) Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Carney Island Bellevue Sportsplex Bellevue Sportsplex
Nov. 3	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
Nov. 4	9:30 a.m.	Kayak and Koffee	Rainbow River/KP Hole
Nov. 5	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Silver River/Ray Wayside Park
Nov. 6	9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. 10 a.m. 12 p.m. 2 p.m.	Kayak 101 Art Van Go Art Van Go Art Van Go	Carney Island Baseline Road Trailhead Liberty Community Park Wrigley Fields
Nov. 7	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Juniper Springs Creek
Nov. 9	8:30 a.m. 3:15 – 4 p.m. 4:15 – 5 p.m.	Interpretive Outing – Ocklawaha Prairie Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11) Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Brick City Adventure Park Bellevue Sportsplex Bellevue Sportsplex
Nov. 10	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
Nov. 13	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Basic Wild Caving Experience	Brick City Adventure Park
Nov. 15	9 a.m.	Outdoor Adventure for Home School Youth	Brick City Adventure Park
Nov. 16	3:15 – 4 p.m. 4:15 – 5 p.m.	Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11) Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Bellevue Sportsplex Bellevue Sportsplex
Nov. 17	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
Nov. 18	9:30 a.m.	Kayak and Koffee	Silver River/Ray Wayside Park
Nov. 19	9:30 a.m.	Kayak Outing	Rainbow River/KP Hole
Nov. 20-21	2 p.m. – 11 a.m.	Family Overnight Camp-Out	Carney Island
Nov. 23	3:15 – 4 p.m. 4:15 – 5 p.m.	Basic Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11) Advanced Beginner Youth Tennis (Ages 6-11)	Bellevue Sportsplex Bellevue Sportsplex
Nov. 24	10 – 11 a.m. 10 – 11 a.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)	Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park Brick City Adventure Park

*Event dates and times are subject to change without notice.

Nov. 24	11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Home School P.E. (Ages 10-17)	Brick City Adventure Park
Nov. 30	8:30 a.m.	Interpretive Outing – Marshall Swamp Trailhead	Brick City Adventure Park
	3:15 – 4 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

Marion County Public Library System – 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala; 352-671-8551

Marion County's libraries also offer many computer and GED programs, ESOL classes, story times and movie matinees. Visit the library's [webpage](#) for a complete listing of library events.

Nov. 1	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 2	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 2	4 p.m.	Book with Bite (vampire fiction) for teens	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 2	5 p.m.	Crafts and Fun for Teens: Quick Gifts	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 3	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 4	1 p.m.	Need Computer Help?	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 4	3 p.m.	Family Game Day	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 4	4 p.m.	Science Exploration (Grades K – 5)	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 6	10 a.m.	Friends of the Ocala Public Library Book Sale	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 7	2 p.m.	Spectacular Sundays: Tween Time @ Your Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 8	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 9	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 9	4 p.m.	Bilingual Story Time	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 10	1 p.m.	Sushi and Smoothies (Grades 4 – 8)	Freedom Public Library
Nov. 10	2 p.m.	Family Flix	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 10	2 p.m.	Wacky Wednesdays: Construction Zone (Grades K – 6)	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 10	2:30 p.m.	Kids' Club (Grades K – 6)	Forest Public Library
Nov. 10	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 13	10 a.m.	CREATE (Colossal Reading Entertaining Artsy Teen Event)	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 13	3 p.m.	Nation Game Day/Family Fun	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 15	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 16	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 16	2 p.m.	Master Gardener's Series: Winterizing Your Garden	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 16	5 p.m.	Crafts and Fun for Teens: Wrapping Session	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 17	1 p.m.	Computer Class: Mouse Play	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 17	4 p.m.	Kids Art and Crafts (Grades K – 5)	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 17	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 18	10:30 a.m.	Master Gardener's Series: Citrus Gardening	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 18	1 p.m.	Need Computer Help?	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 18	1 p.m.	Computer Class: Mouse Play	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 18	3 p.m.	Family Game Day	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 18	4 p.m.	Harvest Festival	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 20	2 p.m.	Gaming Day @ Your Library (Grades K – 6)	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 22	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 23	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 24	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 29	5:30 p.m.	Learn English at the Library	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 30	10 a.m.	English Conversation	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 30	10:30 a.m.	Baby Songs and Nursery Rhymes	Dunnellon Public Library

Marion County Veterans Services – 2528 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala; 352-671-8422

Nov. 11	11 a.m.	Veterans Day Ceremony	Ocala-Marion County Veterans Memorial Park
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UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service – 2232 NE Jacksonville Rd., Ocala; 352-671-8400

Some events may require registration and/or a small fee. Please call Extension Service for more information.

Nov. 6	2 p.m.	Winterizing Your Garden – Master Gardeners	Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Nov. 9	2 p.m.	Attracting Birds to Your Garden – Master Gardeners	Freedom Public Library
Begins Nov. 9	5:30 – 8 p.m.	Home Buyer Short Course Pre-registration required by Nov. 2	Extension Service Classroom
Nov. 11	10:30 a.m.	Growing Citrus – Master Gardeners	Bellevue Public Library
Nov. 15	1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Navigating Food Labels Pre-registration Required by Nov. 9	Hospice Auditorium, Munroe Regional Medical Center - Prestige 55
Nov. 16	8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Best Management Practices for the Green Industry Cost: \$25; 4 CEUs	Extension Service Auditorium
Nov. 16	2 p.m.	Winterizing Your Garden - Master Gardeners	Dunnellon Public Library
Nov. 17	8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	ServSafe® Commercial Food Handler Cert. Training/Exam Registration Required by Nov. 14; Cost \$165	Extension Service
Nov. 24		Registration Deadline for Home Buyer Short Course Begins Dec. 1; Cost \$15.00	Extension Service Classroom

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