



## MARION SPRING/SUMMER COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Coffeehouse Nights

**Fridays | March 6, April 3 | Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center**

These musical performances feature talented local acoustic artists in a relaxed coffeehouse-type atmosphere. Admission is free and doors open at 6:30 p.m. with music starting at 7 p.m. Coffee will be available for purchase.

### B-I-N-G-O Nights

**Fridays | March 13, April 10 | Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center**

Join us for Bingo! Doors are at 5:30 p.m., with games beginning at 6 p.m. Bingo will be played for \$0.25 per card, per game.

### Wee Parade

*hosted by Uptown Snug*

**Saturday | March 14 | Uptown Artway**

Join us for a parade - in miniature! Float registration is at 1:30 p.m., and the parade starts at 2 p.m.

### Enchanted Blooms: An Uptown Marion Fundraiser

**Friday | March 27 | Various Stops**

Step into an evening of flowers and community in Uptown Marion. Ticket holders visit local shops to collect blooms and create their own bouquet, plus receive a market tote, raffle ticket and event booklet with promotions. Explore unique shops, connect with others and support Uptown Marion. This is a ticketed event.

### Healthy Kids Day + City Showcase

**Saturday | April 18 | Marion YCMA**

From 9 a.m.-noon, City staff will be on hand to visit with residents and share information about upcoming projects. City vehicles will be on display, and several community partners will have a presence. Plus, participate in fun

activities and enter for a chance to win door prizes as part of the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day.

### Marion Farmers Market

**Saturdays | May-Sept. | Willowood Park**

Visit your neighborhood farmers market each Saturday throughout the summer. Find produce, baked goods, meats, wine and more between 8-11 a.m. each week.

### Marion Police 5K4K9 Fun Run/Walk

**Saturday | May 9 | Linn-Mar High School**

Join us for a meaningful community event dedicated to raising funds for the Marion Police Department's Crisis K9 Team. This specially trained K9 will provide critical emotional support and comfort to individuals and officers during times of crisis. Race begins at 9 a.m. Register at [www.cityofmarion.org/5K4K9](http://www.cityofmarion.org/5K4K9).

### Migratory Bird Day Celebration

**Saturday | May 9 | Thomas Park**

Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department and Friends of the Marion Parks to celebrate all things birds! Activities include educational displays, speakers, bird hikes, children's activities and more! For more information, visit [cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation](http://cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation).

### Marion Arts Festival 5K & Half Marathon

*hosted by Corridor Running*

**Saturday | May 16 | Uptown Marion**

Start the day with the Marion Arts Festival Half Marathon and 5K races, hosted by Corridor Running. The races begin at 7:30 a.m. Register now at [corridorrunning.com/marion-arts-festival](http://corridorrunning.com/marion-arts-festival).

### Marion Arts Festival

*presented by Farmers State Bank*

**Saturday | May 16 | Uptown Marion**

One day. Fifty artists. Exceptional art. Enjoy hands-on experiences and one-of-a-kind art from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Additional details can be found at [marionartsfestival.com](http://marionartsfestival.com).

### Great American Kites

**Saturday | May 16 | PeeWee Diamonds at Lowe Park**

The Marion Parks and Recreation Department will host Great American Kites at Lowe Park from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Great American Kites specializes in producing the most astonishing and colorful outdoor giant kite displays. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Outside food and drink are permitted.

### Marion by Moonlight

*hosted by Farmers State Bank*

**Thursdays | June 4, 11, 18, 25 |**

**Central Plaza at City Square Park**

Gather your people, a cooler and some lawn chairs and kick back to enjoy live music compliments of Farmers State Bank. Music goes from 6-9 p.m.  
June 4: Crazy Delicious  
June 11: 90s Kid  
June 18: Schmidt Brothers  
June 25: Lonesome Road

### Pop-Up Acts in the Artway

*sponsored by Iowa Appliance Center and Affordable Heating and Cooling*

**Most Fridays | June-August | Uptown Artway**

Sit on the patio of a nearby establishment and hear local musicians perform on the Uptown Artway stage. Music begins at 6 p.m. Visit [cityofmarion.org](http://cityofmarion.org) or [facebook.com/CityofMarionIowa](https://facebook.com/CityofMarionIowa) for specific artists and dates.

### Marion Community Band

**Tuesdays | June 10 & July 1 |**

**Central Plaza at City Square Park**

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a nice summer evening listening to our great community band! Wear something red, white or blue to get into the spirit. Music starts at 7 p.m.

### Sunrise Yoga

**Saturdays | June 6-Aug. 29 | Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park**

Enjoy free outdoor yoga each Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. Participants should bring water and a yoga mat or towel.

## BBQ Rendezvous

**Saturday | June 6 | Uptown Marion**

Join the Marion Metro Kiwanis for a day of food, music and fun in and around City Square Park in Uptown Marion while helping raise funds to support the Kiwanis Miracle League at Prospect Meadows. The fun begins at 11 a.m.

## Moonlit Movie Series

**Fridays | June 12, July 10, Aug. 7 | Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park**

Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department for free outdoor family fun. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the movie. Activities begin at 7 p.m., and movies begin at dusk (about 8:30 p.m.).

June 12: Zootopia 2

July 10: How To Train Your Dragon (2025)

Aug. 7: Super Mario Galaxy Movie

## Uptown Marion Market

*presented by Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners\**

**Saturdays | June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 26 | 7th Avenue and City Square Park**

This festival-style market, hosted by the Marion Chamber, features vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, and artisan items from 8 a.m.-noon.

## Music Under the Moon

**Saturdays | June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 | Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park**

Enjoy live music at the beautiful Lowe Park amphitheater. Bring a blanket, cooler and lawn chair. Concerts begin at 7 p.m.

## Movies on the Move

**Fridays | June 26, July 24, Aug. 21 | Marion Parks**

Join the Marion Parks and Recreation Department as it brings cinematic adventures right to your neighborhood. Bring your chairs/blankets for seating. Specific movies and locations will be posted on cityofmarion.org.

## Fireworks & Fireflies

**Friday | July 3 | Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park**

Bring your lawn chair, blanket and cooler and enjoy live music before the fireworks show. The event starts at 6 p.m. and fireworks begin at dusk.

## Eat. Drink. & Be Marion: Pub Crawl Fundraiser

**Thursday | July 9 | Various stops in Uptown Marion | Must be 21+**

Step into a carnival-inspired Pub Crawl through Uptown Marion! Walk between participating establishments while enjoying live entertainment, exclusive deals, extended shopping hours and

playful carnival fun along the way. Have a great time while supporting the ongoing revitalization and beautification of Uptown Marion. This is a ticketed event.

## Uptown Getdown

*presented by Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners\**

**Thursdays | Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27 | City Square Park**

For over 25 years, Uptown Getdown has been the best way to wind down the dog days of summer! Grab your chairs and coolers and meet your neighbors for a street party in Uptown. The festivities get underway at 6 p.m.

## Marion Sprint Triathlon

**Saturday | Aug. 8 | Marion YMCA**

Swim, bike and run for fun! Challenge yourself or your whole family in this sprint triathlon right here in Marion. Register by June 30. More information available at cityofmarion.org/parks-recreation.

## Fall Into Marion Parade

*sponsored by Farmers State Bank*

**Saturday | Sept. 12 | Uptown Marion**

Enjoy the parade festivities, including appearances by the Marion and Linn-Mar High Schools bands, beginning at 10 a.m. The route is on 6th Ave between 15th Street and 9th Street.

## Spark in the Park

**Sunday | Sept. 13 | Klopfenstein Amphitheater at Lowe Park**

Celebrate culture and ignite wellness with international food, music, wellness sessions, sports, a fashion show and more. This free event goes from Noon-5 p.m.

## Oktoberfest

**Saturday | Sept. 19 | Uptown Marion | Must be 21+**

Back by popular demand, Oktoberfest will be held from Noon-3 p.m. with VIP a hour from 11 a.m.-Noon. The event will feature dozens of breweries sampling their craft along 7th Avenue and traditional German games, like Hammerschlagen and stein holding. (Ticketed event)

## Dog Fashion Show

**Saturday | Sept. 26 | Central Plaza at City Square Park**

Have a furry friend? Enter them in the Dog Fashion Show, set to take place in the Central Plaza at 10 a.m. as part of the Fall Marion Market.

Event details accurate at time of publication. Consult the website of the event host for any updates.

\* Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners include Farmers State Bank, ImOn Communications, MercyCare Community Physicians, Sheets Forrest Draper Insurance, Summit Pointe Senior Living and Z102.9 with support from the Marion Hotel/Motel Grant Program.

### 2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

## City of Marion *Garbage & Recycling Collection*

Date	Holiday	Day	Pick-Up Schedule
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	Thursday	One day late starting Friday
Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday	Regular collection schedule
Feb. 16	Presidents Day	Monday	Regular collection schedule
April 3	Good Friday	Friday	Regular collection schedule
May 25	Memorial Day	Monday	One day late all week
June 19	Juneteenth	Friday	Regular collection schedule
July 4	Independence Day	Saturday	One day late starting Friday
Sept. 7	Labor Day	Monday	One day late all week
Oct. 12	Columbus Day	Monday	Regular collection schedule
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	Wednesday	Regular collection schedule
Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	Collection on Friday
Nov. 27	Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	Collection on Saturday
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve	Thursday	Regular collection schedule
Dec. 25	Christmas Day	Friday	One day late starting Saturday
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve	Thursday	Regular collection schedule
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	Friday	One day late starting Saturday

Bold indicates City of Marion holidays, Yard Waste Facility and City offices are closed.