

# MAREN GO

*The Newsletter of Marengo Community Development*

## WHAT HAVE WE BEEN WORKING ON?

This month we are going to provide a small update on what MarenGO Community Development has been working on since our new Program Director took over in April

### Childcare

This is a very important issue that we are facing not only in Marengo but in all of Iowa County, as our county is currently designated as a “daycare desert”. We have been working hard trying to connect all the right people (investors, owners, etc.) together so that we can build a daycare facility in Marengo. This is currently a private deal with many factors still being worked out but we are very determined to make this work in the near future for our town!

If the current deal were to work out, the daycare facility would be located on the north end of the Iowa Valley Elementary school. This location is fantastic and would allow the facility to have easy access to use the schools playground, gym and within close walking distance for any preschool students. It is also conveniently located close to the city park, pool, hospital and nursing home, with easy access to the street for drop off and pick up.



### Housing

Another very important issue for our community, as we want to encourage and entice young couples to locate to Marengo. This helps our community to continue to grow and with more students enrolling in our school district, more opportunities for our kids will present themselves.

We are currently working on a few different options to help with our housing in Marengo. One of those includes working with the school district to set up a Community Build program. This is in the early stages of planning and has details that still need worked out, but we are excited for the potential this program has to improve the housing here and also for the students to learn new skills!

We are also working with various investors who are looking at options to invest in vacant lots in Marengo, where they could potentially put a new home. We are specifically focusing on entry level housing, as we know there is a shortage of those types of homes.



### Downtown Vacancies

We still remain committed and focused on aiding to fill our vacant downtown spaces by marketing on our Facebook page and making connections between owners and potential buyers. Only a small amount of spaces remain to be filled and a few of them are currently in process to take on new ownership and new life!



# Fall Festival

**SAVE THE DATE**

**OCTOBER 19TH, 2024**

### **SAM'S 5K FUN RUN**

7:00 AM Registration  
8:00 AM Start Time  
START/FINISH in front of the  
Iowa Valley High School  
Sponsored by The Ripple Project

### **KID'S ACTIVITIES**

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

- Kids Games
- Wes the Balloon Guy
- Pumpkin Painting

### **BAKE SALE**

1:00 PM-UNTIL SOLD OUT  
Parents for Prom Fundraiser



**3pm-5pm**  
Musical entertainment provided  
by **Sam Roberts**

### **FROZEN CASSEROLE SALE**

1:00 PM-UNTIL SOLD OUT  
CMH Foundation Located at Eva Goettsch Family Dentistry  
Lasagna, Mexican Casserole, Farmer's Casserole, Chicken  
Enchiladas - \$15 EACH

### **LEANNE'S SCHOOL OF DANCE**

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM on Bandstand

### **COSTUME CONTEST**

1:45 PM on Bandstand-PreK-6th Grade and Adults

### **KICKBALL TOURNAMENT**

Game Times TBD-Organized by Marengo Adult Rec Leagues

### **SCARECROW DECORATING CONTEST**

12:30 PM-Set up your scarecrow in the park  
People's Choice Vote-Will be announced after the  
costume contest

**WELCOMING LOCAL CRAFTERS TO SELL IN THE PARK!**

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HEALTH, AND BRIAN MILLER EXCAVATING

*Trunk or Treat*

Line up at 3:15 PM  
at Southwest  
Corner of the Park

*December 7th, 2024*

**JINGLE AROUND  
THE SQUARE**



# WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND!

## MarenGO Mixer

BUSINESS TRAINING FEAT.



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