



## MARION FALL/WINTER COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Marion Farmers Market

**Saturday | Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 | Willowood Park**

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

### Spark in the Park

**Sunday | Sept. 7 | 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 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Fall Into Marion Parade

*sponsored by Farmers State Bank*

**Saturday | Sept. 13 | Uptown Marion**

Celebrate fall with a parade! Both Marion and Linn-Mar High School marching bands plan to participate, along with a variety of nonprofits and area businesses. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and travel north on 15th Street and then west on 6th Avenue from 15th Street to 9th Street. Floats are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded. Register by Sept. 9 at [www.cityofmarion.org/fallintomarion](http://www.cityofmarion.org/fallintomarion).

### Tailgate in the Park

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

Football, food trucks and fun! Activities will kick off at 3 p.m. as the Cyclones take on Arkansas State. Then, the Hawkeyes will play UMass at 6:30 p.m. Come cheer on both teams and watch the games on the BIG screen! Play tailgate games, bounce on the inflatables and enjoy tailgate-inspired foods. The event is free and all are invited. Bring chairs/blankets for open-lawn seating. Outside food and drink are permitted, but food will be available for purchase.

### Oktoberfest

*sponsored by Club Pilates*

**Saturday | Sept. 20 | 7th Avenue between 10th & 12th Streets & Central Plaza at City Square Park**

Back by popular demand, Oktoberfest will be held from noon-3 p.m. with a VIP hour from 11 a.m. to noon. The event will feature breweries sampling their craft in Uptown Marion, and traditional German games, like Hammer-schlagen and stein holding. Visit [marioncc.org](http://marioncc.org) to purchase tickets.

### Fall Marion Market

*sponsored by Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners\**

**Saturday | Sept. 27 | 7th Avenue between 10th & 12th Streets & Central Plaza at City Square Park**

Pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and more...shop local and shop fresh at the Fall Marion Market! This festival-style market features vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods and artisan items from 8 a.m.-noon.

### Dog Fashion Show

*sponsored by Apple Creek Canine Resort*

**Saturday | Sept. 27 | 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 City Square Park at 10 a.m. Register online at [www.cityofmarion.org/fallintomarion](http://www.cityofmarion.org/fallintomarion).



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



## Happening in Uptown on September 20

Raise your steins — Oktoberfest is back!

Presented by Club Pilates, this year's event is on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, bringing together breweries from across Iowa and beyond. Sample a wide variety of beer styles, meet the brewers, and discover your new favorite pour.

The day will include live music by Lyle Beaver and the Brass Notes, traditional German games like hammerschlagen and stein holding, plus the return of keg rolling. Proceeds support Marion's Winter Lights program, which brightens the community during the holiday season, as well as the Iowa Brewers Guild, which champions Iowa's craft beer scene.

General admission tickets are \$40 and include access to breweries beginning at noon. An exclusive VIP ticket is available for \$60 and includes early access to brewers at 11 a.m. Tickets are now on sale at [givebutter.com/MarionOktoberfest](https://givebutter.com/MarionOktoberfest). Must be 21+ to attend. IDs and tickets will be scanned at the entrance.

### Classic Car Show & Shine

**Sunday | Sept. 28 | Thomas Park**

Join the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club for an all-car cruise-in at Thomas Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Suggested donation to benefit Eastern Iowa Honor Flights. If it rains, the show will be canceled.

### Healthiest State Walk

**Wednesday | Oct. 1 | Marion City Hall**

Join friends and community members for the Marion Healthiest State Walk beginning at Marion City Hall at noon.

### Chocolate Walk & Shop

*presented by Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners\**

**Friday | Oct. 3 | Uptown Marion**

Fall's favorite night returns with this after-hours, adult-focused shopping event from 6-9 p.m. Visit your favorite stores, listen to live music, discover what's new just around the corner and savor a sweet treat from participating businesses.

### Coffeehouse Nights

**Fridays | Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5 | Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center**

Kick back and enjoy live music in an intimate setting with Coffeehouse Nights at Lowe Park. These musical performances feature talented local acoustic artists in a relaxed coffeehouse-type atmosphere. Admission is free and light refreshments and pastries will be available for purchase.

10/3 – Blake Shaw Trio

11/7 – The High Crest

12/5 – Terry McCauley

### Falliday Market

**Saturday | Oct. 11 | Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center**

Celebrate the season at our fourth annual holiday market! Find seasonal and holiday-inspired items — from handcrafted décor and delicious treats to fresh greenery, produce and unique gift ideas — from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. It's the perfect way to kick off the most wonderful time of the year! Interested in becoming a vendor? Email [events@cityofmarion.org](mailto:events@cityofmarion.org) — space is limited!

### Marion Monster Mash

*co-hosted by Farmers State Bank, City of Marion and Marion Chamber*

**Saturday | Oct. 25 | Uptown Marion**

Mark your calendars for a spooktacular day in Uptown Marion! Join us in the Central Plaza at City Square Park on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., for the Marion Monster Mash. Enjoy family-friendly fun with trunk-or-treating, face painting, spooky story time, yard games, arts and crafts, and a festive costume parade. Come in your best costume and celebrate Halloween with the whole community—if you dare!

### Trick-or-Treat at Marion City Hall

**Thursday | Oct. 31 | Marion City Hall**

Area princesses, superheroes, ghosts and goblins are invited to include a stop at Marion City Hall in their Halloween plans. The City of Marion will host a trick-or-treat event at City Hall from 3-5 p.m. Children can dress up in their Halloween costumes and collect candy and other treats from staff on both floors at Marion City Hall.

### Small Business Saturday

**Saturday | Nov. 29 | Uptown Marion**

The Uptown Marion District invites you to kick off the holiday shopping season with Small Business Saturday. Uptown Marion Main Street and Marion Chamber of Commerce will host a shopping event between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Christmas in the Park & Peppermint Walk

*sponsored by Marion Chamber Platinum Community Partners\**

**Friday | Dec. 5 | Uptown Marion**

Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus, enjoy traditional holiday activities and visit shops filled with one-of-a-kind, unique goods. This event will start at 4 p.m. and go until 8 p.m.