

We're looking forward to welcoming you to Marion Art Center's summer fundraiser, Cocktails by the Sea, on Friday, July 31! The party is 5:00-7:00pm on the Big House Lawn at Great Hill. Special thanks to our hosts, Jennifer Stone and Jonathan Green, for welcoming us to their property.

Below are a few details to help you prepare for the evening.

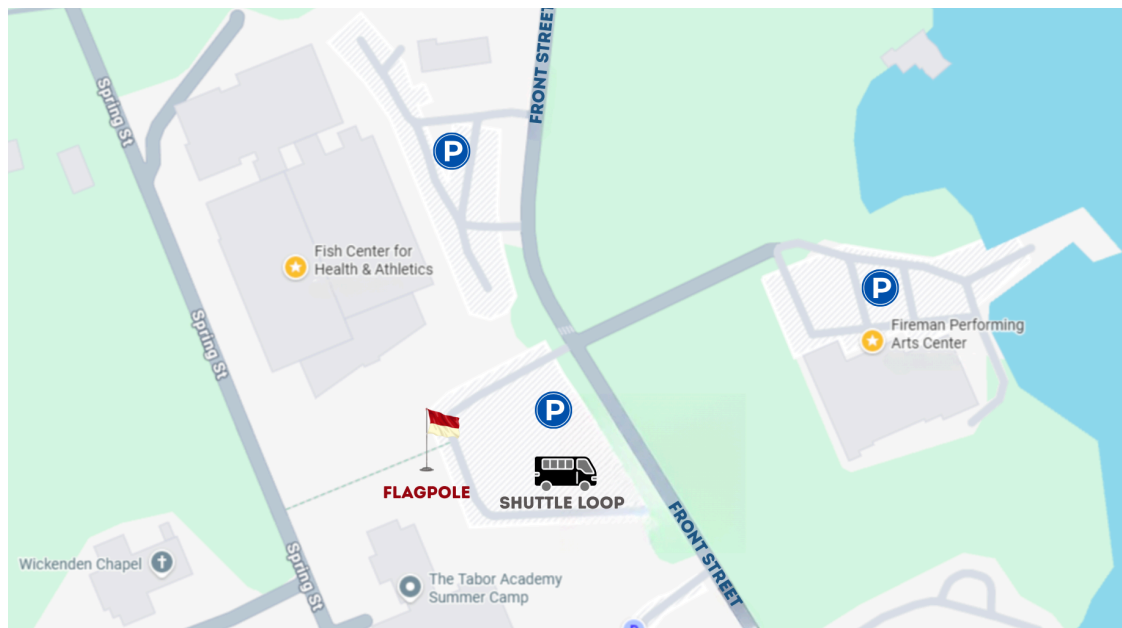
Getting There

To reduce traffic and minimize waiting times, we encourage guests to use our **shuttle service or carpool** when possible. Please help us care for our hosts' beautiful property by **driving slowly** and being mindful when parking on or walking across grass. **Always watch out for pedestrians and cyclists when driving at Great Hill.**

Shuttle Vans from the Village

We have reserved two 12-passenger (including driver) Tabor shuttle vans for those who wish to get a ride from the village. Shuttle passengers may park in the Academic Circle Oval, Fish Center lots, or at Hoyt Hall. Use 245 Front Street for GPS directions, and refer to the attached map below. Shuttles will pick up and drop off at the **flagpole at Academic Circle**.

Shuttles are available first come, first serve. It's about a 15-minute ride from Front Street to the event location. To catch the **early departure, head to the pick up spot by 4:15pm**. The first van (or both if full) will **depart at 4:20pm** and arrive early around 4:35pm. Vans will stagger and return for subsequent departures from Academic Circle at **4:50pm, continuing until the last departure from Academic Circle to the party at 6:00pm**. Guests can catch return trips on the shuttle throughout the evening, with a **final departure from Great Hill at 7:15pm**.



Driving to the Party

All guests will use the **North Gate entrance** off Delano Road and avoid the south entrance. Gate checks will begin at 4:30pm. Enter **214 Delano Road, Marion** into your GPS which will bring you directly to the North Gate. A MAC parking crew member will approach your car at the gate to ensure you're on our guest list. **Provide the LAST name of the person (or first name**

of sponsor/business group) who purchased the tickets. The parking attendant will give you a pass to place on your dashboard, indicating you're cleared to park. Proceed slowly along the water on North Great Hill Drive about a mile. You'll see a flagpole where the road forks, and a MAC crew member will guide you to your parking spot.

It's about a 7-8 minute walk to the tent from the farthest parking zone. Once parked, **walk left past the flagpole**, down the paved driveway on the east side of the property. Walk across the lawn on the **left side of the house** toward the tent and collect your tickets at the check-in table. Your assigned ticket has your bidder number for the silent auction and raffle.

There will be two golf cart shuttles running for those with mobility challenges who prefer to be dropped off closer to the tent. A handicap parking zone is reserved closer to the main property for those who present a tag or permit.

Driving Out

When leaving the party, **exit the same way you came in, along North Great Hill Drive** and out the north gate entrance. South Drive will not be open to guests. Our parking attendants will assist drivers with backing out as needed. Please be mindful of pedestrians walking to their cars and drive slowly.

What to Wear

Summer cocktail attire with sensible shoes is recommended, as you may need to walk a short distance to reach the tent. The party will take place on the lawn and parking is on grass, so comfortable footwear is encouraged. Bug spray will be available for those who need it.

Other

We encourage you to bring cash or check for purchasing raffle tickets, or in case you have a winning bid on a silent auction item. We will accept credit card payments, but WiFi connectivity is not always guaranteed. You do not have to be present to win, but please be sure we have your contact information on file if you are participating in the auction or raffle.

This is a sold out event with a waitlist; there will be no tickets available for purchase at entry. View all details, plus the schedule for the evening at <https://www.marionartcenter.org/cbts-2026>.