In 2018, Marietta Main Street partnered with residents in Harmar to form a new committee: Main Street West. Co-chaired by Jackson Patterson and 4th Ward City Councilman Geoff Schenkel, Main Street West is a Marietta Main Street committee focused solely on the revitalization of Harmar.

**MAIN STREET WEST INVOLVEMENT:**

- Hosted a float in the Merry-Etta Christmas Parade
- Presented Main Street West priorities to local leaders
- Participated in Marietta College’s PioPitch program
- Presented to Enrich Marietta, Venture Crew 207, and the Washington County Behavioral Health Board
- Coordinated a fundraiser with Boathouse BBQ
- Coordinated tree removal at Open Door Baptist Church
- Partnered with Marietta College to send Christmas Cards to Harmar Elementary School students
- Partnered with Building Bridges to Careers to start a Neighborhood Mentorship Program
- Partnered with the Washington County Public Library to coordinate a Flanders Field Bookmobile stop
- Increased inclusion of Harmar neighborhood children in use of Flanders Field Baseball Field
- Volunteered with the Children’s Toy & Doll Museum
- Hosted members of Leadership Ohio statewide cohort
- Strengthened relationships with West Side businesses
- Participated in conversations about Opioid use in Harmar and ways to provide support services
- Successfully advocated for the Fair Housing Board to add two West Side residents
The committee kicked off their efforts with a community dinner in June. Main Street West leaders wanted to create a space for the community to ask and answer questions like “What is the future of Harmar?”, “What are Harmar’s strengths and challenges?” and “How can we work together to achieve a common vision for growth on Marietta’s west side?”

Place mats were used to collect input so that all felt encouraged to participate. Committee members captured all ideas, thoughts, and concerns and used that data to inform what kinds of projects the committee would take on moving forward into 2019 and beyond.

Suggestions included expanding the flower basket program, kid and family friendly programs, and additional clean-up efforts. Main Street West continues to meet monthly.

**MOV Rebound for Kids**
MOV Rebound for Kids, a newly-launched summer program, is the result of Main Street West leadership partnering with local law enforcement officials to build relationships with neighborhood kids. Over 100 kids have participated in the program. MOV Rebound for Kids has also partnered with local organizations like The Right Path for Washington County and movement Fitness Center.

**Flanders Field**
Main Street West led efforts to paint playground equipment, pave a parking lot, spread mulch, upgrade basketball hoops, and host routine clean-ups at Flanders Field.

**Family Events**
Main Street West participated in Harmar Days as well as hosted two Family Fun Nights with MOV Rebound for Kids and the Summer Bash in partnership with the Children’s Toy and Doll Museum.

**Flowers & Clean Ups**
Marietta Main Street expanded its Downtown Flower Program in 2019 to extend further throughout Harmar. MSW also hosted six clean up days over the year and hosted various volunteer groups to spread mulch, pick up trash, and more.

**Connecting a Community**
Following the community dinner, Main Street West launched a MSW Facebook Group to connect community members and keep communications open for discussions regarding Harmar and the West Side. Main Street also partnered with local media to share updates on WMOA, WTAP, and The Marietta Times.