

the MICA team. *You'll notice that our staff is getting younger by the minute!*

In addition to helping out in the office, Kathy also assists at the gate house at the Residents' Beach. Kathy and her husband, Bob, have been married forever and have two new grandsons, Luke and Finn. Did we forget to mention that Kathy and Bob also have a daughter who lives in Texas with her husband and a son who lives in South Carolina with his wife? Kathy and Bob moved to Marco Island in 2004 from South Carolina, where Kathy was a college teacher at Midlands Technical College and the University of South Carolina. In her free time Kathy enjoys sailing, exercising, gardening, traveling, and spending time

with her husband, family and friends.

Lastly, Ruth McCann has been with the Civic Association for 12 years. What started as a part-time job has grown into a full-time position that is full of diversity. Ruth and her husband, Dennis, moved from Philadelphia to Marco Island in 1989. They have two children, Kaitlin, who is a student at the University of Florida, and Patrick, who will be entering eighth grade at the Marco Island Charter Middle School.

In her free time she enjoys scrapbooking and gardening, and she's trying to enjoy exercising!

Did you spot the truth stretching here and there?

Letters

February 25th, 2005

Good morning Ruth,

Just received the February issue of The Wave and wanted to thank you and the Civic Association for the opportunity to have the United Way article published. We do appreciate your consideration.

Also, you have a great publication! Really informative and easy to read. Very different from reading it on line.

Thanks again and don't hesitate to call us if there is something you might think we could help with.

Shannon Anderson
United Way of Collier County

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On Marco Island, if you have an out-of-state driver's license and have moved to Collier County, you may obtain your Florida Driver's license and register your car at the Collier County Tax Collector's Office at 1040 Winterberry Drive.

Helpful Websites

www.hsmv.state.fl.us

www.colliertax.com

www.myflorida.com

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Checklist for registering out-of-state vehicles

- Original title:** If it is being held by the bank and/or lien holder or leasing company, please bring their name, complete address, fax number if available, your account number and vehicle identification number, Federal Identification Number and a power of attorney stating lessee can sign application.
- Vehicle verification:** We must see the vehicle to verify its identification number. If the vehicle is not available to be brought to our office, you will need to pick up form HSMV-82042 (VIN Verification).
- All registered owners** must be present. If this is not possible, you can use form HSMV-82040 (application for Title).
- Photo ID.**
- Proof of Florida Insurance** (card, binder, or policy). The State of Florida requires that each motorist carry a minimum of \$10,000 Personal Injury Protection and Property Damage Liability Insurance on all motorized vehicles (not including trailers and motorcycles).
- Sales Tax.** If you have owned your vehicle for less than six months, you will need to bring the bill of sale. If you have not paid 6% sales tax to a reciprocating state, you will be liable to pay the difference.

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MARCO ISLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 20, 2005

Mr. Jim Arnold, President
Marco Island Civic Association
1770 San Marco Road, #204
Marco Island, Florida 34145

Dear Mr. Arnold,

The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information regarding the Florida Sexual Predators Act, Section 775.21 of the Florida Statutes, and the procedures of the Marco Island Police Department in this regard.

The statute specifies two classifications of individuals convicted of defined crimes. These classifications are *sexual predator* and *sexual offender*. The designation as a sexual predator or sexual offender is not a sentence or punishment, but rather a status of the individual that is the result of a conviction for certain crimes. Persons having the status of *sexual predator* are generally considered higher risk when compared to *sexual offenders*. The status alone does not indicate whether the conviction involved a minor, and does not indicate if the person is currently under court supervision (i.e., probation or parole). In other words a person may be designated a sexual offender and be required to register, but have no other court ordered restrictions.

The law requires both types of status offenders to register with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). During the registration process address information, a photograph and DNA samples are obtained. This registration is the source of the information made available to the public at the FDLE web site: www.fdle.state.fl.us. Information specific to Marco Island is available on the web site and is posted in the lobby of the Police/Fire Station.

Currently there are six sexual offenders registered as living on Marco Island. *There are no sexual predators*. Community notification regarding the presence of *sexual predators* is *mandatory*. Community notification regarding registered *sexual offenders* is authorized by statute, but *not mandatory*. A police department staff member checks daily for sex offender updates affecting Marco Island. Detective Glenn Zirgibel has attended the FDLE sponsored Florida Sex Offender and Registration Laws training and is responsible for monitoring all registered sex offenders in our community. He regularly visits them at their homes to verify their addresses. If they are under court ordered supervision Detective Zirgibel communicates with their case officer to determine the specific restrictions in each case. Letters are drafted on a regular basis to notify various community organizations (schools, day care centers, parks, libraries, YMCA, Mothers of Marco, MICA) about the sexual offenders registered here. I have personally met with community groups on this topic and will arrange additional meetings by request. Community education is important for the protection of the community and to prevent undue anxiousness on the part of community members.

Sincerely,
Roger Reinke Chief of Police

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Collier County Animal League, Inc.

Spotlights Board Member Tammy Morris

by Ronnye Randall

Tammy Morris' commitment and support has been instrumental in getting our organization off the ground and, with her as a board member, I have every confidence that we will succeed in our goal to end unnecessary animal euthanasia in local animal shelters.

However, even before we formed CCAL, Tammy worked tirelessly for the benefit of local homeless animals. I met her while researching ways to find homes for animals scheduled to be put down. At the time, Tammy, who owns and runs Amigo's restaurant in the Heritage Plaza with her husband Dan, was regularly visiting the dogs at the local shelter in order to help them socialize. (Without human contact, dogs can become "institutionalized" and difficult to adopt.) She and Dan, also a huge dog lover, had also rescued and adopted a couple of stray dogs.

When I explained to her that shelters do not have the resources to care for animals with ailments, Tammy immediately began her own small rescue operation. At her own expense, she began to pay for medical treatments for any animals that were going to be put down and, together, we would then try to find them permanent homes.

Over the course of the last eight months, Tammy has visited



Kate Davenport (volunteer, foster parent & Cat Specialist), Karen Ryan (volunteer), Tammy Wolny (volunteer, foster parent), Melanie Rodriguez (Board Member, Treasurer, foster parent & volunteer), Tammy Morris (Board Member, Rescue Coordinator, foster parent & volunteer), Ronnye Randall (Board Member & President), Germain Eurich (volunteer & foster parent)



Tammy Morris and Buddy

the county-run animal shelter every week and got a list of dogs and cats that are scheduled for euthanasia and, if necessary, paid for any medical treatments before we find them permanent homes. She has also been exceptionally generous in providing any food, spay & neuter expenses, or other necessities for any of the animals in need.

She has spent tens of thousands of her own dollars and, being a small business owner, sacrificed countless hours of her precious little free time. During that period, thanks to Tammy's tireless efforts and generosity, we have been able to save over 250 animals.

"I never want an animal to not get medical care because we don't have the money to pay for it," Tammy has said to me on many occasions.

Not once has she ever complained or asked for any recognition. In fact, whenever you mention her work on behalf of these helpless creatures, she becomes shy and embarrassed. The only response you might get out of her is, "Don't thank me. Just help us. Spay and neuter your pets. Adopt an animal from a shelter or rescue group. Or sponsor the medical care of an animal in need."

As our work with the animals at the shelter began to expand, we decided to formalize it and, in January, created the Collier County Animal League, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, whose goal is to end the unnecessary euthanasia of all animals in local shelters. Obviously, if we are to fulfill that dream, we cannot rely solely on Tammy, so CCAL now has a growing band of dedicated volunteers and animal foster



homes, as well as a fledgling core of financial supporters, in order to share the burden.

Perhaps the best illustration of Tammy's character and dedication is a recent dramatic event in which she nearly died in order to save an animal. Last month, Tammy was fostering Cleo, a golden retriever, at her home. Cleo is five-years-old and had been caged her entire life, so she was not used to walking, grass, water or any of the other freedoms all dogs should take for granted.

Tammy was on the phone on her lanai while giving Cleo some exercise in the backyard when Cleo walked over to the edge of the swimming pool and,

not recognizing the difference between land and water, just kept walking until she stumbled into the pool and promptly sank to the bottom. Tammy immediately dove into the deep end of the pool, fully clothed and still carrying her phone, and struggled to get the 55-pound dog to the surface. After several terrifying minutes where Tammy sucked in two lungfuls of pool water and very nearly drowned, she managed to get herself and Cleo back to the surface. She inched both of them around the edge of the pool to the ladder and heaved a now sopping wet and considerably heavier than 55-pound Cleo up onto the deck. Remarkably, Cleo then pulled Tammy out of the pool, and

they both lay on the deck recovering from their ordeal.

The most incredible thing about this story is that Tammy cannot swim! When I asked her where she got the courage to dive into the deep end, she just shrugged in her typically modest manner and said, "There was no one else there, and I wasn't going to let Cleo drown."

Her friends and fellow CCAL members now refer to her as "Super Tammy." That nickname is appropriate in every sense.

CCAL holds 1 to 2 adoption events a month at local businesses, depending on the number of animals in its care at any given time. All of the cuddly creatures currently needing loving permanent homes can be seen online at www.collierrescue.com, including Cleo!

Adoption fees are \$40 for cats and \$50 for dogs. CCAL is always grateful to receive donations to cover medical costs and animal supplies, and urgently needs foster homes and volunteers.

*If you would like to find out how you can help end animal euthanasia in Collier County, contact:
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With Sympathy...

Marco Island resident, Robert W. Sessions, passed away on Monday, April 25, in Hinsdale, Illinois. Mr. Sessions was a long-time MICA member and supporter and benefactor of the Marco Island Residents' Beach.

Mr. Sessions was born in Malone, N.Y. An inventor of medical devices and products, he was founder and chief executive officer of both Ferris Manufacturing Corp. and Ferris Pharmaceuticals in Burr Ridge, Illinois. Mr. Sessions was director of bio-medical research

at Chicago's Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center for more than 10 years. He dedicated his career to finding solutions to medical challenges through the research and development of advanced medical supplies and devices.

His inventions include one of the first implantable cardiac pacemakers, disposable electrocardiogram electrodes, a disposable bone marrow aspiration needle, a suture-less cannula for open heart surgery, the Hunter-Sessions vena cava occluder,

PolyMem wound dressings, RhinoPak nasal surgery dressings and back pain pads, among others. He spent a great deal of time in product development.

Mr. Sessions received countless awards and honors for his ingenuity and contributions to advancements in medicine. In 1991, Sessions received the KPMG Peat Marwick High Tech Entrepreneur Award for his medical products. He served in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Sessions enjoyed fishing, gardening, hunting and pets. He will be missed by his many friends.

Why Not Ride a CAT??

by Ruth McCann

In addition to the many routes in Naples, the Collier Area Transit (CAT) is currently operating two routes on Marco Island including the Marco Express (from Immokalee to Marco) and the Marco Island Circulator (circles around Marco Island). The trolley-designed buses each have 24 seats and the City of Marco Island recently installed bus stop signs.

Ridership on the Marco Express bus route has increased substantially since its inaugural start on July 5, 2004, increasing from one rider to 28 riders in a matter of days.

Ridership on both routes continues to grow. The Marco Island Circulator is currently averaging 2900 passengers per month.

CAT Marco Island Express and Marco Island Circulator have been modified slightly to

accommodate the City of Marco Island's South Collier Boulevard Improvement Project. The CAT bus continues to travel south on South Collier Boulevard but travels north on Landmark Street. CAT drivers respond to the "flag down" system as usual on Marco Island. Passengers wishing to catch the bus along this modified route should stand at the far side of an intersection, where it is safe for the bus to pull over, and wave to the approaching driver. Construction on South Collier Boulevard is expected to last until April 2006.

Bus fares range from 50 cents for senior citizens, students, and disabled, to \$1 for all others excluding children under six for whom there is no charge. The Marco Express bus fare is \$2 and \$1 for senior

citizens, students and disabled. All day CAT passes are \$3 or \$1.50 for seniors, students and disabled. Monthly passes are also available. Drivers cannot make change, so please have the correct fare.

CAT buses operate Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., depending on the route. Bus schedules are available on the buses, at Collier County government offices, Collier County libraries, and various area businesses. Route information can also be obtained by logging onto the county's website at colliergov.net, then selecting "Get Bus Information (CAT)" from the list on the left side of the screen.

For more information, please contact the Collier Area Transit office at 239-596-7777.

Residents' Beach

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I own improved property on Marco Island. How can I join the Residents' Beach?

A. You complete the membership application and submit it along with the required documentation and annual fee of \$100. To prove your residency, you must submit one of the following from the current year: property tax bill, homeowner's, wind or flood insurance, or condominium maintenance bill. If you drive your own vehicle to the beach and you'd like a decal, you must also submit a copy of the vehicle registration in your name.

Q. I am an improved property owner, paid the annual fee, but I didn't get a decal.

A. If you drive your own car while on Marco, you may obtain a decal for your vehicle by supplying a copy of your vehicle registration to the MICA office. Please be sure it is current & in your name. You must then permanently affix the decal to the lower left windshield to which the decal is assigned. Please remember that you may not wrap the decal in plastic, etc. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Q. I submitted the required documentation last year for membership in Residents' Beach. Why do I have to do it every year?

A. The Marco Island Residents' Beach was decided by the Deltona Corporation to MICA for the use of residents of Marco Island only. If it is not maintained for

the residents, it could revert back to Deltona. Therefore, we must have everyone prove their residency each year. Our beach property is so special and beautiful; we would not want to risk losing it.

Q. I rent a car, don't want to affix a decal to my car, or I walk or bike to the beach. How do I get onto the Residents' Beach?

A. Simply show your photo ID at the gate house and your name will be matched to the membership list.

Q. I don't want to carry my photo ID to the beach. What can I do?

A. On your next trip to the MICA office or the Residents' Beach have your photo ID copied. A current MICA decal will be affixed & the copy will be laminated. This will act as your hand-held pass. You may use this pass to gain entrance to the Residents' Beach for the remainder of the fiscal year. Please remember that this pass is for your use only and no one else's. Should another individual attempt to use your hand-pass, your membership will be revoked.

Q. I have a new car or a new license plate. How do I get a replacement decal?

A. Simply bring the old decal and your new vehicle registration into the MICA office and a replacement decal be issued. If you do not bring the old decal into the office, a \$10 replacement fee will be assessed.

Q. How can my guests use the Residents' Beach?

A. 1) You, the member, may bring up to five people with you, either in your car or on foot, or 2) you may drop off your guest(s), or 3) if neither of the above options suit your situation or if you want your guests to have access to Residents' Beach on their own, you may obtain a guest pass by completing the guest pass application and submitting it to the MICA office with payment. The guest pass fee is \$30 for up to seven days and is valid for up to six people. You do not have to purchase a pass for each individual. **A member may not have a vehicle follow him/her and say "the car behind me is with me."**

Q. How do those renting on Marco Island use the Residents' Beach?

A. If renting for a minimum of one month, a renter may purchase a walk-on pass. If renting for a minimum of two months, a renter may purchase a membership that includes parking privileges. Both applications are available at the MICA office and must be submitted with a copy of the lease agreement, photo ID and fee.

Q. Where can those who rent for less than one month access the beach?

A. On Marco they can access the beach from the public access points, such as Tigertail Beach and South Beach.



MICA Fest 2005

