

# MICA WAVE

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## MICA'S City Council Candidates Night: January 8, 2008

The Marco Island Civic Association Board of Directors will host its Candidates Night for the upcoming Marco Island City Council Election on Tuesday, January 8, at 6:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Community Room of the new Marco Island Police Department Building at 51 Bald Eagle Drive.

MICA has a long history of hosting such candidate nights and is always committed to providing an impartial, professional environment in which to question the candidates for office. Questions are assembled by the MICA Board of Directors in advance and focus on a wide range of topics. While it is difficult to anticipate what issues will arise in the upcoming four years, the board tries to pose queries that will give voters a clear picture of the candidates.

In the past the Marco Island Civic Association has hosted candidate nights for elections of the Marco Island City Council, Collier County Sheriff, Collier County Board of Commissioners, and Collier County School

Board members. Because of the inordinate number of individuals who ran for the first Marco Island City Council in 1997, MICA held the event on two consecutive nights with close to 1,000 people in attendance!

The upcoming Marco Island City Council election will be held on January 29, 2008, in conjunction with the Presidential Preference Primary and the State Constitutional Amendment vote.

To date, four Marco Island residents have filed paperwork to run for City Council and others

have expressed interest in doing so. The deadline to qualify to run for the elected post is December 3, so there is still plenty of time for interested parties to step forward. There are many, many issues which our City Councilors must address during their terms of office. At times they have to make some pretty difficult decisions. MICA is looking forward to hosting its Candidates Night and asking some enlightening questions of the candidates on January 8.

Mark your calendars!

### Save These Dates (with more to come!)

**Friday, November 16, 6pm**

Jet Set in Concert - Residents' Beach

**Tuesday, January 8, 6pm**

MICA's City Council Candidates Night - Police Department

**Sunday, December 23, 3pm**

MICA's Members Only Holiday Celebration  
featuring "The Coasters" - Residents' Beach

**Friday, February 15, 5pm**

Music of Marco Big Band - Residents' Beach

# President's letter

*by Kathy Sullivan*

Another "season" is fast approaching.

MICA is improving the main gate entrance and plans to have it completed by mid November. Please keep a look out for the improvements. A lovely manatee sculpture will be on long term loan to MICA from the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) and will be placed outside the fence at the main gate. We will participate again in MIFA's sculpture exhibit called Artquest and will have another sculpture on loan at the front gate for one year. The Artquest sculpture will be unveiled on November 15, 2007 along with 14 other sculptures placed around town for public viewing. As you may recall, last year we hosted a lovely bronze sculpture entitled *It's Only a Game* at our south beach location, Sarazen Park

Our yearly membership drive is in progress. Renew your Beach Pass and MICA membership now. Get the advantage of the full year of membership. We're in the process of planning the three large parties we traditionally

have. One event is at the Christmas holidays, one in mid season and the Fourth of July.

On November 16 the Jet Set, a quartet of local entertainers, will perform at Residents' Beach. They are an excellent dance band, so kick off your flip flops and get ready to dance! In addition, we hope to have several smaller performances similar to the Lichtenstein dance event last year. Keep reading the MICAWAVE for more information. Use your Members' Only Discount Program and shop locally and save money.

We read and carefully consider all the input we get from members. We get letters asking us to take a specific position on local issues. If an issue comes up regarding the beach or deed restrictions we have long established practice to which we vigorously adhere. On the controversial issues we look to our survey results to guide our decisions on what position we should take. On some issues there is no clear consensus. For example, members are pretty evenly split on their opinion of when the Glon Property should

be developed. On the density issue members are mostly aligned around not increasing density. Unfortunately, on occasion we need to disappoint a member when we won't take an aggressive position on a particular item if there is not available input from members. We work very hard to anticipate the issues and provide a comprehensive survey. But we can't always look ahead and predict what's coming. I want to thank all the members who took the time to answer our survey. We appreciate and need your input.

I choose to live on Marco Island partly to enjoy the beautiful beach and lovely surroundings. Yet, sometimes I find day to day life becomes consuming. Take a day off and remind yourself why you came here in the first place. There is no better place to do that than Residents' Beach. See you there!

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### ***Please take note:***

There is a new vehicular exit procedure at the Marco Island Residents' Beach! All vehicles exiting the property must make a right turn. You can no longer make a left turn when exiting the property.

# Get Out and Vote

*by Cyndi Young, Education Coordinator, Collier County Election Office*

Collier County residents planning to vote in the upcoming January 29, 2008 Presidential Preference Primary Election must be registered on or before the December 31, 2007 book closing date.

In accordance with Florida Statute 97.055, the registration books must be closed on the 29th day before each election and must remain closed until after that election. Once the registration books are closed, voter registration and party changes may be accepted for the purpose of subsequent elections only.

To register to vote, you must complete a voter registration application available at the Supervisor of Elections Office, driver license offices, public libraries, government satellite offices, state agencies that provide public assistance or visit our website at [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) for an on-line application. On-line applications must be

printed, signed and returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Since Florida is a closed Primary State, who is eligible to vote in the January 29, 2008 election?

- Every qualified voter in the State of Florida is eligible to vote on the property tax amendment to the State Constitution if it survives a court challenge.
- Every qualified voter in the City of Naples is eligible to vote for Naples candidates and issues.
- Every qualified voter in the City of Marco Island is eligible to vote for Marco Island candidates and issues.
- Since Florida is a closed primary state, only Florida voters who are registered Democrats or Republicans may vote for their respective party's candidate in a partisan Primary Election.

*Note: Registered voters without a party affiliation, or those registered with a minor political party, may only vote for nonpartisan candidates, issues, or referendums.*

The Supervisor of Elections Office will be mailing 'Notices of Elections' to each registered voter, nearly 200,000 will be sent. The Notice of Elections not only serves as an election date reminder but will also encourage voters to request a mail ballot (absentee). Long lines are expected during Early Voting and on Election Day. Therefore, registered voters wanting to avoid the lines are encouraged to vote from the comfort of their own home. Any registered voter may request a mail ballot, no excuse is required.

For more information visit the Supervisor of Elections Office Website: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) or contact the office at (239) 252-8450. Let your voice be heard, Get out and VOTE!

*The Fourth of July Event at Residents' Beach was a wonderful success and a fantastic time was had by all! The Marco Island Civic Association would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their outstanding support and assistance on July Fourth.*

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Starbucks  
Subway  
Sunset Grille  
Wienerdog Kids Toys

# Keep Marco Beautiful!

by Linda Shockley

Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup is the largest and most successful volunteer event of its kind. Since 1986 hundreds of thousands of volunteers from around the globe have cleared over 100 million pounds of trash from 170,000 miles of shorelines, rivers, lakes, and wetlands! On September 15 thousands of people descended on beaches, lakes, and streams all over the world to remove trash and debris — on land and under the water. Volunteers of all ages from every continent formed the largest one-day volunteer event on behalf of clean oceans and waterways. Keep Collier Beautiful is the local leader for the Ocean Conservancy's international program "Coastal Cleanup" and the Marco Island Civic Association partnered with other local organizations, such as Friends of Tigertail, in sponsoring the Annual International Coastal Cleanup. MICA Board members Bernardo Bezos, Linda Shockley and Beverly Trotter joined approximately 60 other individuals at Tigertail Beach Park early in the morning of September 15, who all donned the latest in latex glove fashion!

Litter pollution is a growing and potentially hazardous problem. Wind, traffic, animals and water carry litter often far



*Beverly Trotter and Bernardo Bezos at the Coastal Cleanup event at Tigertail Beach*

from its original source. In canals, litter can restrict water flow, pollute the water with unhealthy chemicals, and trap or otherwise harm wildlife.

Friends of Tigertail coordinates the cleanup of the northern portion of Marco's beach and next year the Marco Island Civic Association will also coordinate the cleanup of the southern portion of Marco's beachfront. The clean up typically takes place from 8am

to 12pm on the third Saturday of September. When you purchase your new 2008 calendar, save the date! Based upon the increasing number of participants each year, it is evident that Marco Island residents truly are concerned and take great pride in their community, beach and waterways. Next year join with your neighbors and friends world wide and help to keep Collier beautiful.

An advertisement for 'Live Maine Balsam Christmas Wreaths'. It features a green wreath with red berries and a red bow. The text reads: 'Send a real gift of love!', 'Live Maine Balsam Christmas Wreaths', 'Individually boxed and shipped anywhere in the Continental US', '\$33 per wreath - proceeds to benefit the Kiwanis Scholarship Fund', and 'For more information please call Joe Stoye at 394-0024'. The background is light blue with white stars.

# ArtQuest 2008

by Sandi Johnson, President, Marco Island Foundation for the Arts

Following our widely-acclaimed ArtQuest exhibition of 2006, ArtQuest 2008 will be the second public art exhibition sponsored by the Marco Island Foundation for the Arts in conjunction with the business community. Plans for ArtQuest 2008 are well underway with fourteen confirmed sponsors and a great selection of artists.

The sculptures will remain under cover until the unveilings, which will be held on November 15, 2007. Unveilings will take place at Town Center Mall with two sculptures, MICA's Residents' Beach, Orion Bank, Coast to Coast Custom Homes, Publix, and the Studio Gallery at 3 p.m., with a grand unveiling and community celebration at the Esplanade at Guy Harvey's Island Grill, Bayview Restaurant, Vergina Restaurant, FHD Interiors, Rick's Island Salon and Black Pearl Yacht Sales at 6 p.m.



*The unveiling of "It's Only a Game" in 2006*

There will be a wonderful symposium luncheon to meet the artists at the Marco Island Yacht Club on Friday, November 16. Call Claire Keery, 642-9481 for reservations now! Price is \$35 including a delicious lunch and an informative and exciting program. Docent tours of the

exhibition are planned for January 22 and February 26, 2008 and The Peoples' Choice Award ceremony and a Scavenger Hunt can be enjoyed in March. Be part of the excitement and take part in one or more of these great community events! The exhibition will run until April 2008.

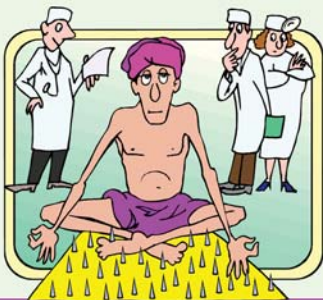
You won't want to miss this season's

## Healthy Life Lecture Series

All lectures will take place at Mackle Park at 7:00 p.m. and are free to the public.

Please mark the dates on your calendar as details will be forthcoming.

January 22, 2008  
February 26, 2008  
March 25, 2008  
April 8, 2008





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# Frequently Asked Questions about Residents' Beach

**Q – *I am a Residents' Beach member and I rent a car when I'm on Marco. How can I enter the Residents' Beach?***

A – Stop by the MICA office with your driver's license. We'll take your picture and make a Residents' Beach ID for you. You can walk, bike or drive into the Residents' Beach by showing your ID. As an alternative, you can show your photo driver's license at the gate house, which will be checked against the membership list.

**Q – *I don't like to put stickers on my car. Can I just show the decal to gain entrance?***

A – No. Your decal must be permanently affixed to the windshield of the vehicle to which it is assigned. Rather than getting a decal that you are not going to use, we would suggest you have a Residents' Beach ID made. Stop by the MICA office with your driver's license. We'll take your picture and make a Residents' Beach ID for you. You can walk, bike or drive into the Residents' Beach by showing your ID.

**Q – *As a Residents' Beach member can I drive into the Residents' Beach property and tell the gate attendant that the car behind me is with me?***

A – No, but you do have a few options. If the individuals in the second vehicle are staying with you in your home, you may obtain a guest pass at the MICA office. You may also ride in the car with your guests and show your Residents' Beach ID to the attendant, or you may bring your guests in your car with you.

**Q – *I'd like to have a small picnic at Residents' Beach. What's the procedure?***

A – There is a short form that you will need to complete at the MICA office prior to the day of your picnic. Everyone who will be attending must be a member, have a guest pass or come in with a member. You cannot shuttle people in and out.

Gas or propane grills or cooking devices are never permitted at Residents' Beach or Sarazen Park. Charcoal grills are available to members. Just remember to bring your charcoal.

**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.

*Residents' Beach  
and MICA  
application forms  
are available  
at our website:*

*[www.marcocivic.com](http://www.marcocivic.com)*

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# Residents' Beach Memories

by Ruth McCann

Tell us about your most memorable experience at the Marco Island Residents' Beach. Over the years many of you have spent exceptional days at the Residents' Beach and we'd like to hear about them! You may have celebrated your child's first birthday or your husband's 75<sup>th</sup>! Maybe you caught your biggest fish off the shoreline (and the fish is still growing!) or you pushed one of our beach wheelchairs down to the water and helped a family member dangle his or her feet in the Gulf of Mexico for the first time in years. We're looking for your stories.

Residents' Beach members, please send your stories, no longer than 500 words, along with your name, address and telephone number, to the MICA office at 1770 San Marco Road #204, Marco Island, FL 34145. A committee consisting of MICA Board members and Residents' Beach members will

sort through the entries and choose the few most exceptional anecdotes that stand out from the rest. We'll print the most memorable in the MICAWAVE and in the Marco Eagle.

The top memory writer will also be treated to lunch for four at the Paradise Grill at Residents' Beach. Remember, your story must be true, written with feeling and if you have a photo or two of the memorable event, please include it with your memoir.

Thinking back in the archives of what's left of my brain, one of my most memorable moments at Residents' Beach occurred just after we moved to Marco in 1989. I was spending an afternoon at the Residents' Beach with my three year old daughter, who's now 21! My, how time passes. Anyway, we were playing in the sand when a man in his early 30's approached us. He asked if I

would watch his sleeping one year old while he took his four year old to the restroom. Just moving from Philadelphia, I certainly was surprised and more than that, I thought what a wonderful, small, family town Marco must be that a complete stranger would ask me to watch his precious one year old. I guess I had an honest face. He was back in a few minutes and his sleeping son never knew he was gone!

That wonderful atmosphere still exists on Marco Island. That small town feeling is alive and well at the Marco Island Residents' Beach, where friends, neighbors, and strangers still care about one another.

Think about your days spent at Residents' Beach and pass a fascinating story along to the rest of us. We're always up for hearing an optimistic and upbeat story about humankind.

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