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# President's Report

by *Bernardo Bezos*

It is truly amazing that another "season" has come through our island and flown the coop already and that summer is upon us, as witnessed by our steamy weather. Our thoughts at the Marco Island Civic Association and Residents' Beach now turn to the Fourth of July and membership renewal. Does anyone know how to slow down time?

As it has for a great number of years, MICA will host Uncle Sam's Sand Jam at Residents' Beach. While the festivities begin at 12 noon, members arrive much earlier and stake their claim to a tiny portion of the wide expanse that now is our breathtaking Marco Island beachfront. Kids' games, consisting of some old favorites and some new additions, will keep the kids busy for a few hours, along with arts and crafts and face painting.

There's fun for those 18 and over, too. The MICA Hot Dog Eating Contest, held the past two years, attracts a good number of hungry participants and many more audience members who wish to witness this feat of gastric uneasiness! I was told that last year's winner immediately departed Residents' Beach and spent the rest of the day lying on the couch, holding his belly!!

MICA's Sandcastle Contest is a sport the whole family may participate in, from the youngest to the

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*Bryan Milk of The City of Marco Island, accepts a check for MICA's contribution to the July 4th Fireworks from MICA's President, Bernardo Bezos*

oldest. Past sculptures have been fabulous, but somehow every year there are new ideas and creations that rise from the sand!

As always, this patriotic day will culminate with a smashing fireworks display. The Marco Island Civic Association has already made its contribution of \$4,200 toward the display. The DJ at Residents' Beach will blast red, white and blue music to accompany the colorful fireworks.

The City of Marco Island has signed a contract for \$42,000 for the fireworks and barge, and MICA paid 10% of the total cost. In order for the fireworks to attract the "oohs" and "aahs" they have in the past and to bring guests back next year, residents and business owners, hotels and time-share buildings must step forward and give their share to contribute to the only community event that brings thousands and thousands of people to the Marco beachfront.

And while we're discussing "giving," the MICA Board of Directors voted to fund one of the flagpoles at Veterans Park. The Board was honored to be asked to participate in the park's project. Many of MICA's members are veterans or have children or grandchildren who are part of our United States military. A special message from MICA members will be placed on the plaque in honor of our great nation and powerful military.

God Bless America!

# Prepare Early

*by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner*

You've probably read or heard about the historic weather being experienced around the country and around the world, from earthquakes to tsunamis, from droughts to floods, and tornadoes of historic proportion and numbers. Well, here comes the hurricane season on the heels of all that weather, and the Atlantic Ocean is heating up quickly, which of course is where the hurricanes originate in most cases. So, dear friends, it is time for my annual advisory to prepare in advance.

Right now I am beginning to clean, bleach, rinse thoroughly, and then rinse again with alcohol, my nine 5-gallon plastic water jugs. I fill them and cap them and set them aside. If they go unused, I pour them in my pool during dry season. Also, I buy 6 gallons of drinking water to have on hand just in case. If they go unused I make coffee with them in the spring. While at the grocery store buying water, I buy fresh batteries, tuna fish, canned salmon, macaroni and cheese in the box, etc., so I have a supply of non-perishable food on hand. Then I locate all my candles and flashlights, plus my battery operated radio, to make sure I know where everything is. While I'm at it, I have my son fire up my generator to make sure it works well. Then fill my gas cans with fuel for the

generator and also for the car, just in case gasoline is needed and not able to be purchased. As summer approaches, the hurricane shutters slowly get closed, a little at a time – which also saves a lot on the air conditioning bill.

The County Emergency Management Department has been gearing up and preparing, which is a common practice every year at this time. With a La Nina year ahead of us (the last few years it has been El Nino), it is wise to prepare in advance anyway. In the Fall, you can give the food away to the homeless shelter or to a family you know who might be able to use it, and you can fill your car with the gasoline you didn't use. You can always use the batteries in the coming year. Don't forget to pick up your annual Hurricane Guide that the Emergency Center distributes around the county. It is always a good reference as you prepare, and if needed, to refer to.

Our friend, Harry Rogers from Isles of Capri, has a son who lives in Missouri, and his home was just obliterated this past week by a tornado. I saw the pictures, and all that is left is rubble. They are thankful that the whole family is safe and all they lost was their home and everything in it.

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## MICA Board of Directors News

The election for the Board of Directors of MICA was held in February. A slate of six ran for four seats: Ed d'Alessandro, Jim Johnson, Brian Kudis, Richard Polinsky, Charlette Roman, and Steve Stefanides. Ballots were mailed to all MICA members and approximately 60% were returned to the MICA office, which by election standards is an excellent return!

After tallying the ballots two individuals were newly elected to the board, Ed d'Alessandro and Charlette Roman; and two board members were re-elected, namely Jim Johnson and Steve

Stefanides. These four wasted no time and jumped right to work, serving on various committees, representing the members of the Marco Island Civic Association. They joined the rest of the board, which includes Dick Adams, Bernardo Bezos, Allan Bristow, Dave Caram, Jim Curran, Barbara Dasti, Bill Patterson, and Beverly Trotter. Brian Kudis was also appointed to the Residents' Beach Advisory Committee and Richard Polinsky joined the Architectural Review Committee. We thank all of our many volunteers for giving of their time and talents to serve the members of MICA.



# MICA'S 2011 Annual Meeting & Humanitarian of the Year Award



# MICA's Humanitarian of the Year

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award was first given in 1998 to honor the unsung heroes of Marco Island, the people who do so much for so many. MICA's 2011 honoree was revealed at MICA's Annual Meeting in January, and it is (drum roll please) Maria Elena Pujol.

Arriving from Cuba when she was just six years old with her parents and brother, Maria Elena struggled to start school and learn English in her new home country – the United States. In Maria Elena's acceptance remarks she said that the greatest gift her parents gave her was "freedom," and she is so proud to be a United States citizen.

Maria Elena's passion is helping children. From Youth Haven in Naples, to the Florida Future Basketball team in Ft. Myers for boys and girls, to helping children with cancer, Maria is tireless in her drive.

After tragically losing her daughter, Jenny, in a car accident nine years ago, Maria Elena said she was brought back to life by the children of Youth Haven, our community's sole provider of 24-hour residential emergency care for abused and neglected children. Maria Elena takes time from operating her hair design studio every month to give the children staying at the shelter haircuts free of charge.

Participating in Dancing With the Starz, she raised over \$85,000 for Youth Haven.

She cuts hair at no charge for those who wish to donate their hair to Locks of Love, a non-profit agency that provides wigs for people with cancer and other medical problems. Maria Elena is now teaming with Karen Saeks (MICA's 2008 Humanitarian) and Bedtime Bundles to cut the hair of the migrant children.

This past Christmas Eve, after working late into the evening, she found the energy to go to the home of a gravely ill client to do her hair and nails, so that when her son visited the next day, he would find his mother looking beautiful!

When a citizen of Marco lost her daughter suddenly in a car accident, Maria Elena went to give comfort. Her own misfortunes have lead her to give more of herself to others who are hurting. Maria Elena Pujol is an extraordinary person with a big heart and an infectious enthusiasm for helping the children of our community.

In accepting the 2011 Humanitarian Award, Maria Elena thanked the Marco Island community. She said that her faith in God and the people of Marco help her every day, and she considers herself blessed to assist others as she does.

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# MICA 2011 Membership Survey Results

	Yes	No	Undecided
1. The City of MI is considering “density transfers” into the MidTown District (Bald Eagle & Collier Blvd area), thereby increasing the number of living units and intensity of use in the area. Are you in favor of “density transfers?”	7%	88%	5%
2. Do you support increasing density on particular lots to allow for construction of hotels/motels in the MidTown District (Bald Eagle & Collier Blvd area)?	7%	89%	4%
3. Do you favor the Marco Island City Council granting variances, rezoning, or issuing conditional use permits that could have the result of increasing population density (additional living units per acre) or intensity of usage?	7%	90%	3%
4. Do you believe City Council members are fulfilling their election promises of “transparency” to the citizens of Marco Island?	8%	61%	31%
5. Would you support efforts to restore the mangroves along San Marco Road (Fruit Farm Creek Mangrove Restoration) through a fund raising mechanism?	65%	20%	15%
6. Would it be helpful if MICA sponsored educational forums concerning the "issues of the day" on a regular basis?	76%	8%	16%
7. Planning board meetings are presently held on Friday mornings. Would you be more likely to attend and become educated to the issues if they were held in the evening during the week”?	39%	35%	25%
8. Do you believe city code violators should be held to specific time frames to correct property deficiencies?	90%	3%	7%
9. a. Would you support City Council granting an amendment to the Marriott Resort’s PUD, which would allow construction of a building on the east side of Collier Boulevard, across from the present hotel?	27%	64%	9%
b. If the Marriott Resort seeks and is granted an amendment to their PUD by the City of Marco Island in order to build on the east side of Collier Boulevard, should the Marriott Resort create a buffer space by purchasing the properties behind the parking lot currently on the east side of Collier Boulevard?	65%	15%	20%
10. a. Do you support the construction of a new Community Center at Mackle Park now?	18%	69%	13%
b. Should such construction of a proposed new Community Center at Mackle Park be decided by City Council or by referendum of voters of Marco Island?			
a. It should be decided by City Council.	4%		
b. It should be decided by referendum of the voters of Marco Island.	91%		
c. I am undecided.	5%		
11. Are you in favor of term limits for members of Marco Island City advisory boards and committees? Currently, there are no limitations for appointments.			
a. Yes, limit to two consecutive terms.	53%		
b. Yes, limit to three consecutive terms.	13%		
c. Yes, mirror City Council staggered terms.	19%		
d. No, do not limit terms.	6%		
e. I am undecided.	9%		

12. Should MICA take a proactive advocacy role on community issues or continue to provide educational articles to alert the public?
- a. Proactive Advocacy Role 50%
  - b. Provide Education Articles 41%
  - c. Both 9%

The following questions were submitted by members of Marco Island City Council:

- |   | Yes | No | Undecided |
|---|-----|----|-----------|
| 13. Do you agree that the City should treat capital projects related to public safety (i.e., bridges, drainage improvements and roadways) as a higher priority than other areas (e.g., park improvements, recreational facilities)? | 86% | 8% | 6%        |
| 14. Please rate the following for priority attention by the City of Marco Island: (From 1 to 8, with 1 being the most important/highest priority):  |     |    |           |

- 1 Fiscal Restraint/Cut Back on Spending/Spending Control (This topic had an overwhelming number of write- in comments)
- 2 Infrastructure
- 3 Environment
- 4 Public Safety
- 5 Community Programs & Services
- 6 Water Rates Too High/All Pay Same Rate/Separate Meter for Lawn (Write-in)
- 7 No More Density/No More Hotels (Write-in)
- 8 Maintain Beauty, Tranquility of Island/Want Our Island Back (Write-in)

How satisfied are you with the:

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Unable to Rate/Neutral	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
15. Performance of the MICA Board of Directors?	38.8%	42%	18%	1%	.2%
16. Appearance & maintenance of the Marco Island Residents' Beach?	78%	20%	1.6%	.2%	.2%
17. Professionalism of the Residents' Beach Gate Attendants?	66%	27%	6%	.7%	.3%
18. Customer service level of the MICA office staff?	65%	30%	4.1%	.7%	.2%
19. The MICA WAVE publication?	48%	45%	6%	.7%	.3%

How satisfied are you with the performance of the following:

20. Marco Island City Council?	2%	19%	38%	29%	12%
21. Marco Island Planning Board?	1%	17%	43%	27%	12%
22. Marco Island City Manager?	4%	27%	47%	16%	6%



# Marco Island Police Department Boating Safety

The Marco Island Police Department's Marine Unit conducted a special education and safety project the past Memorial Day weekend to kickoff a summer-long safe boating campaign aimed at educating boaters about the required and suggested emergency equipment they should have on board their vessels, as well as emergency planning and operations.

A major element of the campaign is to stress the importance of personal flotation devices (PFD's) or more popularly known as life jackets. Over Memorial Day weekend dozens of vessel safety checks were conducted. Officers noticed heavy vessel traffic on the water and expect this trend to continue throughout the summer.

Here are some additional safe boating tips:

## **Life Jackets (Personal Flotation Devices)**

All recreational vessels must have at least one Type I, II, III, or V personal flotation device (life jacket) that is U.S. Coast Guard-approved and of the proper size for each person on board.

In addition to the above requirement, vessels 16 feet in length or longer must have one Type IV (throwable) USCG-approved personal flotation device on board and immediately available.

Children under 6 years of age must wear a USCG-approved Type I, II, or III PFD at all times while on any vessel less than 26 feet in length that is underway upon Florida waters. ("Underway"

means any time except when the vessel is anchored, moored, docked, or aground.)

Vessels operating on waters outside the geographical boundaries of Florida (three miles or the edge of the Gulf Stream, whichever is greater, off the Atlantic coast or nine miles off the Gulf of Mexico coast) are subject to the new federal PFD regulation for children. On these waters, each child under 13 years of age who is on an underway recreational vessel must wear an appropriate USCG-approved PFD unless the child is below deck or in an enclosed cabin.

Each person on board a personal watercraft (PWC), and anyone being towed behind a vessel, must wear a USCG-approved PFD. Inflatable PFDs are not to be worn on PWCs or while water-skiing.

Besides being labeled "U.S. Coast Guard approved," all PFDs must be:

- In good and serviceable condition.
- Readily accessible, which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency.
- Of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight and chest size.

## **Who May Operate a Vessel?**

To operate a vessel powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or greater (including PWCs), a person who was born on or after January 1, 1988 must have completed a boater education course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) or passed an approved equivalency exam.

Operators who are required to have completed a boating education course or exam must carry on board:

- His or her Boating Safety Education ID Card issued by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and ...
- A photographic identification card.

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# Summer of Sharks!

*by Robin DeMattia*

*Director of Marketing and Development, Friends of Rookery Bay*

The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 300 Tower Road, celebrates the "Summer of Sharks" from May 11 through Sept. 2. The programming ties to the "Sharkabet" traveling art exhibit by Alaska-based artist Ray Troll. Beautifully illustrated images of living and extinct sharks from A to Z are featured. The exhibit has never been shown in Southwest Florida before.

Enjoy Kids Free Fridays from June 10 through Aug. 19, where children ages 12 and younger are free when accompanied by an adult. Educators will present a different theme each week tied to the Summer of Sharks programming. Children can participate in arts and crafts, storytelling and a variety of interactive activities from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., while the center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for families to enjoy the aquariums, interactive exhibits, walking trails and other features. A food vendor will be on-site from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday selling hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, fries, snacks, lemonade and more.

Internationally-renowned shark experts dive into Naples for an Evening Lecture Series. July 20 is Dr. José I. Castro, visiting senior scientist since 1999 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota. July 27 is Stan Waterman, who will share an eight-minute excerpt from "Blue Water, White Death," the 1971 documentary featuring him that he calls a "seminal experience" with big oceanic sharks in open water 100 miles to sea off South Africa. Aug. 17 is Pat O'Donnell, long-time Rookery Bay fisheries biologist, who will present "Shark Nurseries in the Ten Thousand Islands Estuaries." All



*The "Sharkabet" art exhibit by Alaska-based artist Ray Troll is on view at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center from May 11 through Sept. 2.*

lectures are 5-7 pm and are \$10 for the public and \$5 for members.

From June 27 to July 1, maritime mural artist David Dunleavy brings his paints, and his ladder, to transform the back wall of the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center into a piece of art. Children are invited to paint alongside him on June 28 and 30.

Summer of Sharks Art Classes for Kids ages 12-16 take place July 18-21 over two half-day sessions. Rogest, who is one of the most recognized painters in Marine Dot Art today, travels from Canada to lead the sessions.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Rookery Bay offers buy-one-get-one-free admission on up to four admissions for Collier residents with valid ID and \$1 off up to four admissions for Florida residents with valid ID. Higher price prevails, and offer cannot be combined with other deals. Hotel packages are available for the Summer of Sharks.

For more information, visit [rookerybay.org/SOS](http://rookerybay.org/SOS), [facebook.com/friendsofrookerybay](https://facebook.com/friendsofrookerybay) or call 239-417-6310 x 401.

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## ***Boating Safety***

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These operators are exempt from the boater education requirement:

- Persons licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard as a master of a vessel
- Persons operating on a private lake or pond
- Operators who are accompanied on board by a person who is exempt from the education requirement or by a person who is at least 18 years old, possesses the required identification cards, and is attendant to the operation of the vessel and responsible for any violation that occurs
- Persons operating a vessel within 90 days after purchase who have a bill of sale on board and available for inspection

No one under 14 years of age may operate any PWC on Florida waters at any time, even if such person possesses a Boating Safety Education ID Card.

No one under the age of 18 years may rent/lease a PWC.

It is also illegal for the owner of a PWC to knowingly allow a person under 14 years of age to operate a PWC.

### **Changes to the Boating Safety Education ID Card Requirements as of October 1, 2011**

Effective October 1, 2011, operators born on or after January 1, 1988, who are required to have completed a boating education course or equivalency exam, must carry on board:

- His or her Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card and a photographic identification card or ...
- His or her course completion certificate showing successful completion of an FWC-approved boating safety course and a photographic identification card. The certificate:
  - Must give the operator's first and last names, their date of birth, and the date they passed the course or equivalency exam and ...
  - Is valid for up to 90 days from the day the certificate was issued and ...

- Is not a permanent replacement for the Florida Boating Safety Education ID Card.

### **Alcohol and Drugs**

Florida's laws against boating under the influence (BUI) of alcohol or other drugs are as strict as those for driving a vehicle while impaired.

Florida law prohibits anyone from operating any vessel or using water skis, a sailboard, or similar device while intoxicated due to alcohol or any combination of alcohol, controlled substances, or drugs.

Florida law states that a person is considered to be "under the influence" if he or she has a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08 or higher, or is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs to a degree which impairs his or her normal abilities. A blood alcohol concentration of 0.05 to 0.08 also may indicate a person is "under the influence" if accompanied by other competent evidence.

By operating any vessel on Florida waters, you have consented to be tested for the presence of alcohol, drugs, or other intoxicating substances if requested by a police officer. Refusal to submit to testing is punishable by a civil penalty of \$500 and is also a crime if you have ever been fined for a previous refusal.

### **Boaters Under 21 years of Age**

.02 Law Florida takes a strong stand against underage drinking while operating a vessel. Commonly referred to as the ".02 Law," those boaters under 21 years of age who are found with a measurable breath alcohol level of 0.02 or higher are subject to receiving a citation with minimum mandatory sentencing. If a person under 21 is above a 0.08 breath alcohol concentration, he or she also can be charged with BUI.

An excellent resource for boating safety and boating laws specific to Florida is: <http://www.boat-ed.com/fl/handbook/index.htm>.

For more information on boating safety, please contact the Marco Island Police Department's Marine Unit at 389-5050 (Point of Contact Lt. Pete Beucler)

# Legislative Update

*by State of Florida Representative Kathleen Passidomo*

It is an honor and a privilege to represent the citizens of Marco Island in the Florida House of Representatives.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the significant policy changes that were made during the 2011 Legislative Session, which just concluded in Tallahassee.

I am pleased to serve on several House committees, including the Judiciary Committee, the Civil Justice Subcommittee, the PreK-20 Innovation Subcommittee, the Energy & Utilities Subcommittee, the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee, the Congressional Redistricting Subcommittee, and the Joint Committee on Public Counsel Oversight.

As anticipated, this year the state faced significant challenges due to a \$4.6 billion budget shortfall. With determination and perseverance, however, the Legislature fulfilled our constitutional obligation and created a balanced budget. We accomplished this goal without raising taxes on our economically burdened citizenry. I worked with my colleagues to make certain our budget prioritized people over programs to ensure the safety and security of future generations of Floridians.

Our top priority was getting Floridians back to work by creating a healthy business environment for our communities. We stayed focused on our responsibility to Florida's families and businesses by taking important steps forward to incentivize new businesses, stimulate job creation and remove barriers to economic growth in Florida.

This year the Legislature voted to make pro-jobs modifications to our Unemployment

Compensation System by providing tax relief to Florida's job creators, adjusting benefits to match Florida's economic circumstances, and clarifying workplace expectations for employers and employees.

Republican lawmakers led the charge to help create jobs and increase economic development by modernizing our growth management system to provide flexibility for local governments to address the needs of their local communities and ensure the focus of state resources on issues of state significance.

The Legislature also passed new laws designed to create economic incentives to encourage business growth across the state through the creation of the State Economic Enhancement and Development Trust Fund (SEED). The SEED Fund provides a dedicated, recurring funding source to enable Florida to be proactive and better positioned to capitalize on opportunities that will benefit the state from an economic development perspective.

On a personal note, I sponsored two important bills that will be a great benefit to our community. House Bill 599, also known as the Florida Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, will provide charities, non-profits and educational institutions investment guidance to help them maximize the dollars they have available to provide valuable services. It will also provide them with increased flexibility so that they can spend their charitable dollars in the most effective way possible.

House Bill 1037 will allow Florida's



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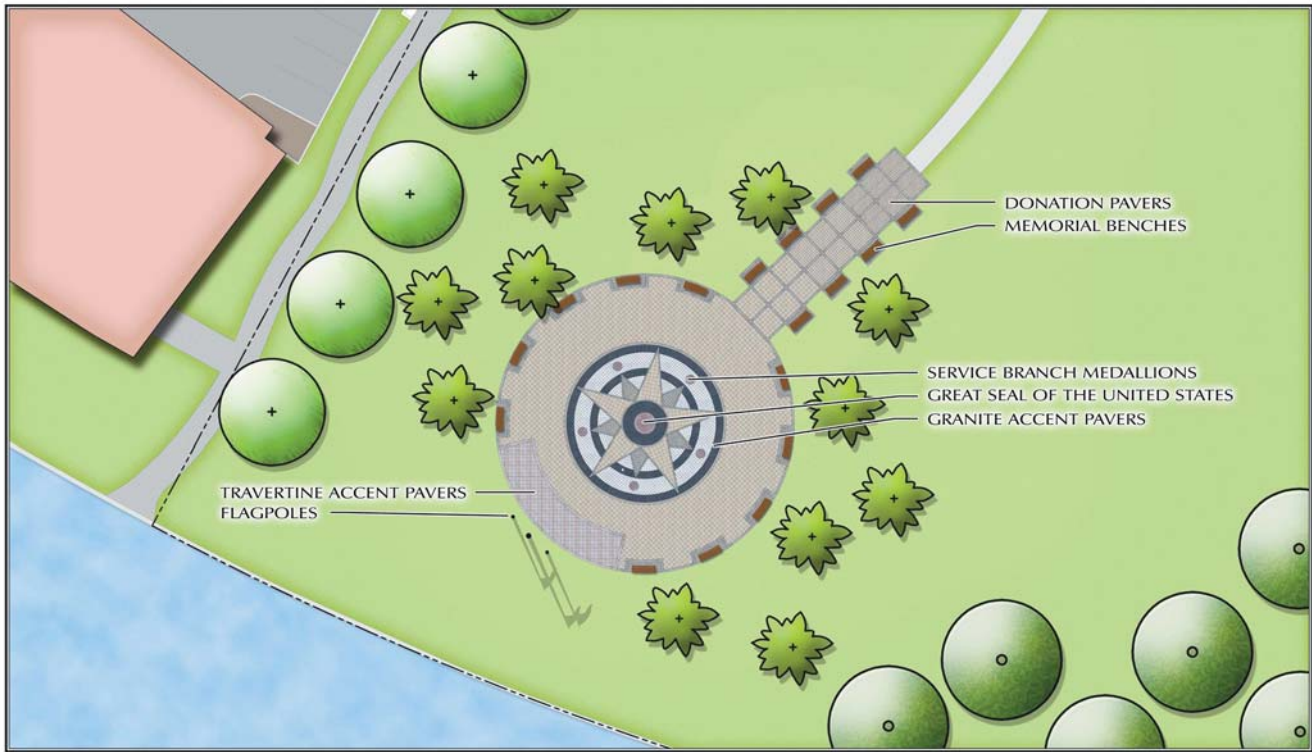
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# The Latest News: MidTown District

*by Dick Adams and Charlette Roman*

City staff, Planning Board, and City Council have instituted a plan that could increase hotel density units in the MidTown District (Bald Eagle Drive and Collier Boulevard area) from the current 26 units per acre. The initial objective of the proposed plan was to target approximately 100 additional units to meet the “economically viable” minimum for a small hotel. The vehicle to be used is the concept of transferring density credits by amending the City code to allow for broader application. The City claims that overall island density remains neutral during these transfers in keeping with the Comprehensive Plan.

Three principal areas of focus are: density increase, transparency of density transfer rights and concentration of density.

This idea of transferring density credits was presented to the Planning Board which in turn recommended to City Council on January 18, 2011, for a consultant to be retained to examine various scenarios, particularly a program that allows for sending credits from any commercial district, and recommend which mechanisms would be most appropriate for Marco Island. The consultant, Dr. James Nicholas, issued his report dated February 24, 2011. The recommendation was for the City to move forward with a limited program, i.e. waterfront prop-

erty rights to MidTown commercial property, requiring only a code change and not a change to the Comprehensive Plan. This would allow the program to be put into place quickly. The proposed plan indicates that within this group of properties there are 341 available credits to be transferred. The schedule is calculated utilizing allowable units per acre for each property by zoning times the lot size.

The term density, as used by the planners, refers to the number of units permitted based on the property zoning. It is not population.

The City code provided for transferring density credits from commercial waterfront to other commercial waterfront properties subject to several conditions. To transfer to non-waterfront, the City code had to be amended. This was the proposed change recommended by City staff to the Planning Board at the public reading on April 1, 2011. The Planning Board approved the amendment and forwarded it to City Council for further action.

However, there is a noteworthy change to the original proposal’s language. Originally, the proposal had the objective of providing for the future development of a small hotel in the MidTown District. What is significant is that development of a hotel was eliminated. The change to the code recommended to Council provided for transfer of credits for the development of any permitted use.

Withstanding the method of calculations, the more important issue is the concentration of density in the MidTown area as transfer credits are moved to the four corners. The factors to be considered include infrastructure, traffic, etc.

On June 6, 2011, Marco Island City Council approved an amendment to City code which allows density transfers from waterfront commercial properties to other commercial properties in the Midtown District.

## Cafe de Marco

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## Legislative Update

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seniors the ability to use the facilities, amenities, and health care available at Continuing Care Retirement Communities while continuing to live at home. This will provide more choice to seniors who wish to begin the transition to a higher level of care while remaining at home and will also be helpful to those seniors who are unable to sell their home in these tough economic times yet who need the enhanced services of an assisted living facility.

I hope you find this legislative update to be a useful source of information on the 2011 Legislative Session. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the issues, please call my office at (239) 417-6200, or send me an email at [kathleen.passidomo@myfloridahouse.gov](mailto:kathleen.passidomo@myfloridahouse.gov). And as always, if there is anything that I can do to assist you, feel welcome to contact my office.

*Rep. Kathleen Passidomo  
District 76 - Naples, FL*

### MICA Welcomes a New Member to its Discount Program:

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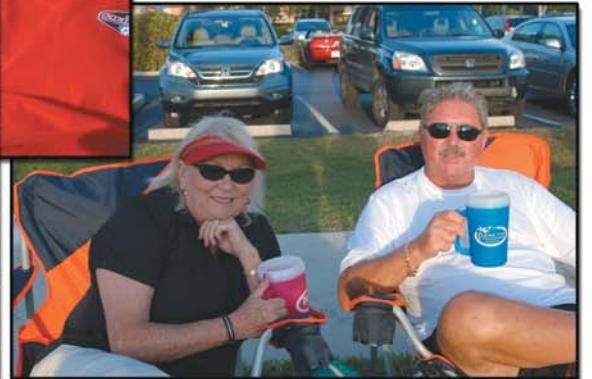
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# Loggerhead Turtles Return to Marco Island Beaches

by Stephen Barker

The Loggerhead sea turtle is the most frequently observed turtle in SW Florida waters and with courtship activity occurring in late April to early June, nesting isn't far behind. Females nest a few weeks after mating with most activity on Marco beaches between May 1 and the end of September. Mating is triggered by the Gulf water temperature and since it was warmer earlier this year, we saw our first nest on south beach on May 2nd, compared with May 22nd last year.

## **Hind flippers for digging, front flippers for covering**

The female crawls ashore at night, digs a shallow pit for her body and begins digging the hole for her eggs with her hind flippers. She then deposits between 70 and 150 white, ping pong ball sized eggs and fills in the hole. To camouflage the nest, she roughs up sand in a four foot area around it using her front flippers.

## **CSI crime scene or has Mary been here?**

Some of you may wonder what the yellow tape and sticks are that suddenly sprout up overnight on the beach. It isn't a CSI crime scene, it's there to mark a new turtle's nest so that beachgoers don't accidentally interfere with the nest and eggs. Mary Nelson, aka The Turtle Lady, has been monitoring turtle activity on Marco beaches since 1995 and (together with 10 local volunteers) is responsible for the tape and sticks. Mary has a wealth of knowledge about turtles and is out every morning in turtle season, so if you see her at a new nest, false crawl or on her ATV, say hello and see what she is up to.

## **Did You Know....?**

- Sea turtle nesting season runs from May 1 to October 31.
- Female turtles return to the very same beach where they hatched.
- It is estimated that only 1 in 1000 hatchlings reach adulthood.
- Females lay 3 to 5 nests, and sometimes more, during a single nesting season but they only nest every 2 to 3 years.
- Loggerheads eat conch, whelks, crabs, horseshoe crabs, shrimp or jellyfish, which is their favorite treat!
- Loggerhead sea turtles can survive up to 70 years or more.
- When the female is not nesting, she may travel thousands of miles.

## **Lights off for turtles**

All being well, that first nest should hatch sometime towards the end of June/beginning of July. Once hatching starts, the race is on. As though a starter gun went off, the hatchlings all come out at once. They must find their way to the surf in the darkness by heading toward the brightest horizon. This is why it is extremely important to regulate beach lighting to prevent hatchlings from becoming disorientated.

## **A threatened species**

Now you know what a struggle it is for the threatened Loggerhead sea turtle to survive, and how much work goes into helping the species in SW Florida, please do your part to help in the process.



Photo on page 22 courtesy of Mary Nelson,  
photos on page 23 courtesy of Debbie Barker.



**Summary of Turtle nesting season to date as of June 5, 2011 (2010: 12 nests, 20 false crawls)**

Hideaway beach	1
Main beach	8
Sand Dollar	10
False crawls	39

Last year there were a total of 46 nests on Marco, of which 39 hatched, producing 2,995 hatchlings. Two nests were washed out and 5 inundated. The last nest hatched on October 2nd 2010.



*Above: Mary Nelson investigates what's left in a hatched turtle's nest and rescues one live hatchling who was left behind by his siblings.*

**More Turtle Facts....**

- It takes a female turtle 1 to 3 hours to lay an average nest of 100 eggs.
- The temperature of the sand determines the sex of the hatchlings.
- Sand above 82 degrees produces more females.
- Warm sand paralyzes the hatchlings, therefore they will not emerge until the sand cools.
- Gestation takes between 50 and 80 days, depending on how dry/wet the sand is.
- During the 3 months that a female breeds, she will lay 35lbs of eggs or more and travel hundreds of miles, all without eating anything significant.
- A group of sea turtles is called a flotilla.
- From hatchling to adult, a loggerhead increases its weight more than 6,000 times!

**How Can You Help?**

- Turn off all unnecessary lights on beachfront property.
- Close blinds and drapes.
- Shield light sources.
- Keep the beach free of litter and barriers. Take away what you bring and clear away sandcastles or trenches that you or your children might construct.
- Report injured or dead turtles or disoriented hatchlings to Mary Nelson at 239.289.9736 or Collier County Sea Turtle Protection at 239.252 2952.



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