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# President's Report

*by Howard Jordan*

One year ago this month the global financial system was experiencing an unprecedented meltdown. The sudden and unexpected collapse of several large financial institutions triggered a massive decline in asset values around the world. Those of us who live on Marco were not spared. Federal, state, municipal as well as many a personal budget are now facing challenges like no other time in history. My hope is that lessons have been learned, and prudent decisions will lead us into the next decade with confidence. Yet my nightmare is that we will soon forget the lessons of the past and move blindly into the future expecting unrealistic returns to help us save the day or at least replace what we "lost."

Now is the time that our local leaders need to lead. Marco Island is our community. A paradise built one homeowner at a time. Each homeowner has a voice. Our elected officials have taken an oath to represent the residents of Marco. We ask that you listen carefully to all voices, large and small. The loudest voices often drown out those who are less boisterous yet

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no less important. Marco's future looks bright with projects such as the future development of Veterans Park, Canine Cove, and the improvements to Winterberry Field. The future is ours. Together we will make it, share in our success, hoping to pass on a legacy of community not often seen in today's "what about me world."

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to your suggestions on how best to make the Marco Island community a better place to live for all who choose to make a difference.

The MICA Board of Directors mourns the loss of Vivien Ellis, who passed away on September 22. Vivien was a devoted member of our island community for many years and previously served on the MICA Board of Directors. She will be sorely missed. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

### Cattle Barons' Ball



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# News From Across the Bridge

by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner

Many good things are happening on the other side of the bridge. The median landscaping grant that was received by the county for this particular project has been received, the job was bid out and awarded and the construction has begun.

For those year 'rounders, you can watch the progress each week as the contractors install the irrigation and electrical lines. Next will come the installation of the plant material. No grass will be installed because of the high cost of maintenance, but plant material and mulch will be used plentifully. The county has stopped installing grass in all the medians. In fact, there will be no new median landscaping at ALL around the rest of the county until such time as the economy allows.

The 951 median will be landscaped from the north side of the bridge to MacIlvaine Bay and should be completed by the end of November. We have applied for another grant from the State. If we receive the grant, another section will be landscaped. We will continue to apply for grants until 951 is landscaped to US 41.

Another good thing happening along 951 is the expansion of the boat ramp parking facility located across from the road to Isles of Capri. It took six years to receive the proper permits to expand this boat trailer parking from 19 spaces to 86 spaces, and we had already budgeted the money before the economy dropped, so we are in the midst of the expansion, which is expected to be complete before the end of the year. This parking has been desperately needed for many years.

At the intersection of 951 and US 41 many things are being discussed and grants have been applied for. We will have to wait and see if any money comes in before we can make our final plans and decisions. Meanwhile, Lowe's is still planning on building but has put the brakes on moving forward until the economy begins to improve. They DID buy the property, though, and have built a wall to protect the residents of Eagle Creek from their future parking lot and delivery area, which is all going in a positive direction.



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## City Council Election

The qualifying period to run for Marco Island City Council begins on November 17, 2009 and ends on December 1, 2009.

This election will be by mail ballot. No polls will be open. The Supervisor of Elections will begin mailing the ballots on January 6, 2010. The date of the election is January 26, 2010 and all ballots must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than 7 p.m. on January 26th.

For those considering running for Council, candidate materials are available on-line at the City's website, [www.cityofmarcoisland.com](http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com) or by contacting the City Clerk at 389-5010.

# Angels Do Exist!

*Karen C. Saeks, 2008 MICA Humanitarian of the Year*

Bedtime Bundles had been hoping that an angel would come forward and donate much needed climate controlled space. Not only did an angel come forward, he wishes to remain anonymous, the highest form of charity. On October 1, 2009, Bedtime Bundles, Inc. will be moving into our new home at 951 N. Collier Boulevard; (we have been working out of a garage) 1600 square foot of space!

We will utilize the space for our business office, meetings, warehousing our supplies and a staging area for assembly of bundles. Our goal is to keep our shelves empty! By that I mean, as soon as the supplies arrive, assemble the bundles and distribute them. Collier County has the largest concentration of migrants east of the Mississippi River! Now we are poised to take our program to the next level. Thankfully, we

will now be able to utilize our dedicated, eager volunteers to their fullest potential.

In addition, Bedtime Bundles would like to take this opportunity to thank St. Mark's Episcopal Church for allowing us to store our supplies over the summer months. Another angel in our corner...



For volunteer opportunities please call: 239.398.5179 or e-mail us at: [Karen@bedtimebundles.org](mailto:Karen@bedtimebundles.org)

With sincere gratitude and appreciation to the community of Marco Island.



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All public is welcome.

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# Our New Jolley Bridge

*by Dr. Bill Trotter, Marco Island City Councilor*

As of 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3rd, the final award was made for construction of the second span of the SS Jolley Bridge.

When I first joined the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) in March of last year, our prospects of getting the second span without a toll seemed pretty bleak.

The groundwork had been done with completion of the bridge design and support built with the County and State by our representative Mike Minozzi and other MPO members. However, with MPO funding being cut back and other sources unlikely, the \$55 million price tag for two new spans was not going to happen from public funding.

Then, Federal stimulus transportation dollars became available and the MPO placed our new bridge at the top of their priority list. However, there was still a concern that the price tag would be too great to secure the needed allocation of state and local stimulus funding.

At that point, I recommended a fall-back proposal to build one new span while continuing to maintain the current bridge, which has another 20 years of service left. Both the Collier MPO and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) supported this project and helped to make it a reality.

The new span will be built about 20 feet west of the existing bridge and carry southbound traffic to Marco Island. The existing two-lane bridge will then carry northbound traffic from the Island when the new second span opens.

The new bridge will contain two 12-foot travel lanes, a six-foot inside shoulder, a 10-foot outside shoulder, and an eight-foot sidewalk. Landscaping will also be installed at each end of the bridge during construction.

The design/build team selected, FIGG/Johnson Bros., will now meet to begin the detailed planning and construction process. The FDOT has estimated that construction could begin as early as late this year and be completed in early 2012.

In addition to the improved traffic capacity and pedestrian access, one of the key benefits of the new bridge is that it will be rated to withstand a Category 5 hurricane, whereas the current span is only rated for a Category 3 storm.

We owe a real debt of gratitude to the Collier MPO and FDOT for supporting this project and, in particular, to Mike Minozzi for leading the effort to complete the bridge design, which provided the “shovel-ready” status needed for consideration.

Marco Island has also been the recent beneficiary of other grant funding, including the Bald Eagle Shared Use Pathway (which just started construction) and the Linear Park Project between San Marco Road and Mackle Park. Also, Phase 2 of the Linear Park, from Mackle Park to Winterberry, has been prioritized for future funding.

I feel that this demonstrates the high regard for Marco Island held by the Collier MPO, the FDOT and other State officials, which will hopefully continue into the future.



# Artists Colony Coming to the Esplanade!

*By Sandi Johnson, President, Marco Island Foundation for the Arts*

Instead of vacant storefronts, energy, creativity and artistic ideas will soon grace the Esplanade in the form of an Artists Colony. Beginning sometime in October 2009, when you visit the Esplanade you will be able to stop in to the studios of at least nine working artists, see and talk with the artists while they work, and be able to purchase originals on the spot.

As part of the Colony, an Artists Co-op is also in the works at the Esplanade and will open a bit later. The Co-op will feature the work of many more member artists and be staffed by these same talented people, some of whom may be seen creating art works in the space.

A Grand Opening Gala is being planned at the Artists Colony for early November in conjunction with the United Arts Council's "Celebrate the Arts" month.

The brainchild of artist Jo-Ann Sanborn, who proposed the idea to the Esplanade management, the Colony is taking shape as we go to press. The Colony is being created under a joint venture between The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) and the Art League of Marco Island. All participating artists are members of both MIFA and the Art League.



*The Esplanade on North Collier Blvd*

While the two groups have worked together less formally on the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Marco project "Wet Paint Live," this marks an historic first cooperative venture between the two non-profit arts organizations on the island. The concept was approved by both Boards of Directors and details are being finalized.

Vision and a leap of faith were required and given by the organizations and Esplanade management. They all saw the potential of this

project and the good it will do for the artists, businesses, residents, visitors and the community as a whole. The arts help create a sense of place and identity for a community, cause conversations about art among former strangers, and create value. Congratulations and best wishes to the artists, the non-profits, and the Esplanade as the Artists Colony becomes a reality!



  
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# Dangerous Tropical Weather Still Possible This Year

*by Jim von Rinteln,  
Collier County Emergency Management, and Marco Island Resident*

The fall is not the time to turn your back on Mother Nature in Southwest Florida. While mid-September is statistically the height of the Atlantic hurricane season, October and November can still bring damaging storms to our area. In fact, October has historically had more tropical weather than any other month. Remember Hurricane Wilma struck in late October 2005 – so don't let your guard down yet.

Due in part to a strong El Nino' this year, the 2009 hurricane season has been fairly quiet for us - so far. But the El Nino' has its greatest mitigating effect on the Cape Verde and Atlantic storms coming off of Africa. In the fall, storms begin to form again in the Western Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico. These later season storms have additional risk to residents in our part of Florida. This comes in the form of less warning time and a greater potential for a landfall and a resulting storm surge from the Gulf.

While tropical storms, rather than hurricanes, become more of a possibility at this time of the year, they should not be taken lightly. By definition Tropical Storms have winds of less than 74 mph, but they also have several nasty characteristics which can cause big problems for us. First, they are less organized and the most severe weather can be quite a distance from the center of the storm. Additionally, they often have tornadic activity and heavy rains associated with this severe weather. They also can develop

quickly, making landfall without much notice to coastal residents.

That all said, your response and preparedness for these storms should not be all that different than it would be for a hurricane. Keep three to five days worth of supplies on hand and stay tuned to official information and news. While evacuations during these events are generally less extensive, persons who are dependent on electricity for their well being or those living in fragile housing should still consider evacuation since these storms can still result in widespread wind damage and lengthy power outages.

A NOAA weather radio becomes an even more important part of your preparedness kit because it can give you better warning of an unexpected storm, tornadoes and flooding threats, even when you're asleep (Tropical Storm Gabrielle gave less than 12 hours of warning in 2001 – most of it during the night). Lastly, securing property prone to wind damage, like boats, patio furniture and other loose items can greatly reduce damage across the community spectrum, including to the environment. Make sure you coordinate with your neighbors so that their loose items don't damage your house.

Some trivia - since storm records were first kept starting in 1851: the latest tropical storm in Collier County was on December 1, 1925 with winds of 70 mph and the earliest was on February 3, 1952 with 50 mph winds.



***For more information on hurricanes and tropical storms and storm preparedness you can visit: [www.nch.noaa.gov](http://www.nch.noaa.gov), or [www.collierem.org](http://www.collierem.org)***

# The Joy of Giving

*by Kelly McGuire*

The 2009 recipient of MICA's Humanitarian of the Year, Nicki Davis, was shocked when presented with this honorable award this past January for her work and efforts as the founder and President of The Joy of Giving.

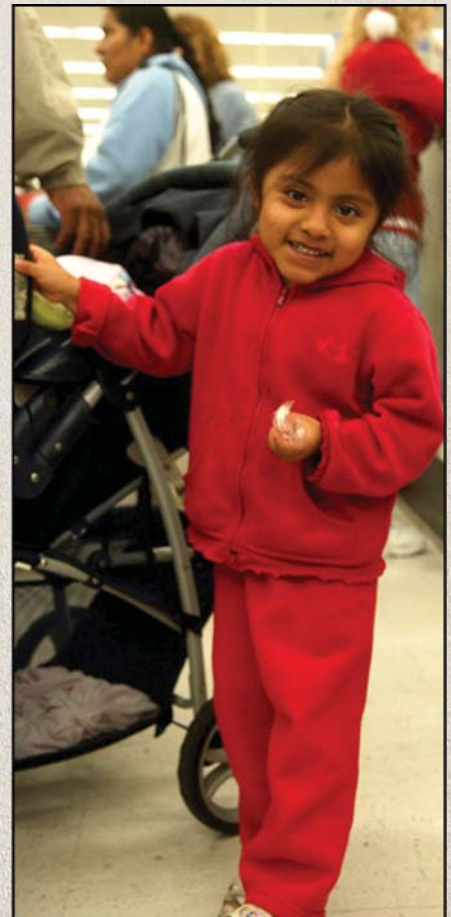
Still going after 21 years, this charitable foundation is all about bringing joy to the neediest children of Collier County at Christmas. While Nicki was thrilled and appreciated that she was recognized by our community, she will be the first to tell you that the children are her inspiration and motivation. This past year over 1200 children and their families were helped!

The Joy of Giving is able to continue spreading joy because of the generous donations and efforts of our caring island community. While

the Island Country Club has been instrumental in raising the bulk of the funds many other local businesses and individuals have made substantial donations of money, time and services. On behalf of the Joy of Giving, Nicki would like to thank ALL of the contributors!

Each year Nicki and her group of invaluable volunteers spend hours working with local schools and churches to evaluate each proposed child's situation and compile the recipient list of children and families. This is where the emotion and motivation really come out. Some of the stories include families living out of cars, children abandoned by their parents and children living at shelters because of abuse and neglect.

The fun comes once the list is complete.





The parents and guardians of the children are invited to come to Walmart on the designated shopping day and are presented with a preset amount of money to personally choose appropriate gifts for their child, thus the name, THE JOY OF GIVING.

This proves to be a busy but rewarding day for the flurry of volunteers who work with each shopper and store employees to be sure the money is used appropriately and to account for each child on the list.

Amazingly, ALL the money that is raised by the organization is used ONLY to purchase gifts for the children. Every other aspect of this non-profit organization is provided by golden-hearted contributors who donate everything including time, postage, raffle prizes and coordinate fund raisers. The Joy of Giving relies completely on donations and volunteers.

Since its inception 21 years ago, the Joy of Giving has been able to reach out and touch the hearts of thousands of local children.

In light of our current economy, this may be

the most challenging season yet. We are sure our list of children will be longer than ever, and that our donors have also been affected financially. We are optimistic that those who can give will find it in their hearts to help us continue to reach these children.

Our shopping event is scheduled for December 12. To be part of this most rewarding program, you can volunteer or send your tax-exempt donations to: THE JOY OF GIVING, 317 Nassau Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145 or call Nicki at (239) 642-0119.

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### ***GPS Classes -***

Two day class. Students receive hands on experience using a provided Garmin GPS 72 Handheld unit. Classes run on November 3rd & 5th 9:00am - 12:00 noon.

### ***Boaters Local Knowledge Class -***

Learn more about shelling, fishing and navigating the waterways around Marco Island, Isles of Capri, Goodland, and how to navigate to Everglades City, Keewaydin Island and Naples. Classes run on November 10th from 6:00pm -9:00pm. This is a one evening class.

*All classes are held at the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Station at Caxambas Park, 905 Collier Ct. To register, or for further information, please call Al Schettino 239- 970-2391. Pre-registration is required.*

# Marco Island City Council

*By Rob Popoff, Chairman, Marco Island City Council*

On Marco Island we have a true silent majority of people we see out and about; they give us a pat on the back and often say things like, "Thank you for your service and keep up the good work." This is what keeps us going; knowing that there are people on this Island who trust us and appreciate the sacrifices made to serve our community.

A recent example of this was at the September 8, 2009 council meeting, where there were approximately 100 concerned citizens to support continued entertainment at the Esplanade. Immediately after the discussion and subsequent vote on the issue they got up and left the council chambers. The irony in this is that the next item on the agenda was setting the millage rate for 2010. I was amazed that almost all left the council chambers before the bigger agenda item was discussed. I expressed my feelings to a colleague on break and the answer was simple, "Rob, they trust the decision that council will make." That spoke volumes! The mere fact that they left before a major issue sent a clear message: our service as councilors is appreciated by the majority... they trust us.

These are very difficult economic times and

many people nationwide are struggling financially. Our City Council has to balance trying to keep the millage rate as low as possible, keeping expenditures at an all-time low, while trying to maintain a level of city services our residents need and expect. In addition, we have a spending cap and when the millage rate is reduced the city loses that income forever, creating a revenue gap which it may never recover from. This is a difficult balancing act which tries to take into consideration all of the various community interests.

While the council essentially disagreed on the millage rate, it was determined, like most things, by compromise. The voting for the millage is set up so that a super majority vote means that five of the seven must agree or the motion fails.

I don't think anyone is happy about the recent millage rate; but we compromised to get a rate of 1.6518 mils.

We are all weathering this financial storm and can accomplish great things when we work cooperatively. I like to keep in mind that while the future is uncertain, we will all survive; there hasn't been a drought that didn't end, a storm that didn't clear, lightning that didn't retreat, an earthquake that didn't still and a flood that didn't recede, nor has there ever been a plague that didn't end with the strong and the healthy prevailing. We will persevere.

I want to thank those Islanders who understand and have offered dialog, differing views and productive support to our community. Together we can weather anything.

*This article is part of a series by Marco Island City Council members.*

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# Volunteer Opportunities and Recognition

by Ruth McCann

Audrey Hepburn has a number of quotes associated with her, but this is one of my favorites: "Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, it's at the end of your arm. As you get older, remember you have another hand: the first is to help yourself, the second is to help others."

Volunteering to help others is an important part of living on Marco Island. I'm sure it is in other areas of the country as well, but on Marco it seems that everyone has a special cause that they keep close to their heart. We realize we are so fortunate to live on such an extraordinary island and we want to give back to our community.

If you are a member of the Marco Island Civic Association, a unique opportunity awaits you! MICA is looking for special people who want to get involved in the community. Each January ballots are mailed to MICA members asking them to elect four individuals to serve on the MICA Board of Directors.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in our Marco Island community and you are a MICA member, give us a call. MICA is looking for a few good members and maybe that includes you!

Of course, there are so many groups and individuals who help others on our island. Each January MICA recognizes one outstanding individual who has gone out of his or her way to make a difference to those less fortunate. At our Annual Meeting on January 12, 2010 one member of our community will be presented with MICA's Humanitarian of the Year Award.

Last January the Board presented the Humanitarian Award to Nicki Davis for the Joy of Giving campaign, which she has spearheaded for 21 years. See article on page 8.

MICA's Humanitarian Award was instituted in 1998 with Mimi Torbush of the Wishing Well



*MICA President Howard Jordan with the 2009 MICA Humanitarian of the Year Nicki Davis*

receiving the first annual award. Over the years many of your friends and fellow island residents have been presented with this prestigious award. Do you know someone who you think should be considered for MICA's 2010 Humanitarian of the Year Award? Call us at 239-642-7778.

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# Dates for Your Diary

## Movies In The Park

Bring your coolers, blankets, and lawn chairs out to Mackle Park's field and enjoy a free movie under the stars. Popcorn, sodas, and neon necklaces will be available for purchase. All movies start 10 – 15 minutes after sunset.

Friday, October 30th – Coraline

Friday, November 20th – Journey to the Center of the Earth

For more details, please call Mackle Park at 642-0575 or visit [www.cityofmarcoisland.com](http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com)



## City of Marco Island Farmers Market

Located at Veterans Park every Wednesday beginning November 25 through April 14 from 7:30am – 2:00pm.

Visit with your local Florida vendors while they will be out selling some of their favorite home-goods items and crafts. Goods that will be at the market include fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, baked goods, salsas and sauces, flowers, seafood, candles, soaps, arts and crafts and much more.

For more details, please call Mackle Park at 642-0575 or visit [www.cityofmarcoisland.com](http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com)

## Free Public Seminar - Using [www.CollierClerk.com](http://www.CollierClerk.com)

October 8, 2009, 2pm – 4pm

Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Drive, Naples, FL 34119. Call: (239) 598 - 6133 for Information and Directions.

## Halloween Spooktacular

is coming back to Mackle Park on Saturday, October 24th from 4:00 – 6:00pm. Activities include face painting, music, bounce house, Halloween games, crafts, and much more. There will be a costume contest for ages 10 years and younger at 5:30pm. This event is open to the public and free of charge. More details coming soon.



## Healthy Life Lecture Series

- January 26 - Common Geriatric Issues
- February 23 - Your Heart & When to Call 911
- March 30 - Kidney Stones & More
- April 13 - From Hands to Feet

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# Uncle Sam's Sand Jam!

*by Ruth McCann*

What a wonderful time was had by all at Residents' Beach on July Fourth for Uncle Sam's Sand Jam! The fly over by the crafts from Homestead Air Force Base was quick but certainly impressive. The Sailing Association of Marco Island sailed along our beachfront in stately quietude. Those on the beach were treated to a full day of Marco sunshine without even so much as a drop of rain!

MICA staff and volunteers can put another notch in their caps for creating a wonderfully successful Fourth of July Event. Of course, we could not pull it off alone. We must thank the Marco Island Police Department, the Marco Island Fire Department and the Marco Island Police Foundation for their excellent coverage.

We must also thank the Marco Eagle, which sponsored Mobile Sound Entertainment, the DJ music that kept the patriotic and dance tunes going all day long, right through the fireworks.

The Kiwanis Club of Marco Island handled the sandcastle contest and with more than 30

entries this year, it was difficult to choose winners. Everyone worked so hard on their sculptures, and we appreciate the time that went into each piece. We didn't know there were so many talented sand artists sitting on the Residents' Beach each day!

Games and crafts for the kids are always a hit and many restaurants and businesses on our island





contributed prizes including Arturo's Restaurant, ASE Telecom, Big Al's, Collier Tropical Landscaping, CJ's Restaurant, Cold Stone Creamery, Kerry's Café, Kretch's Restaurant, Obsession, Marco Community Bank, Maria Elena's Salon, Paradise Seafood, Porky's Last Stand, Publix Supermarket, Snook Inn, Subway, and Sunset Grille.

MICA's celebration had a first of its kind – a hot dog eating contest! The contest was fashioned after the famous Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest. With seven contestants and 10 minutes to chow down, the winner ate nine hot dogs! And we all have newfound respect for those who enter the Nathan's contest – 69 hot dogs in 10 minutes?? How do they do that?

The fireworks were spectacular and went off without a hitch on July Fourth. Of course, leading up to the Fourth there was a massive community effort to collect the \$42,000 necessary to fund Marco Island's one-of-a kind display and due to the generosity of businesses, groups, and individuals, the funds were collected. MICA contributed \$5,000 toward the display.

The Marco Island Veterans of Foreign War Post 6370 is responsible for raising funds for the finish work for a memorial at Veterans Park. Their goal of \$200,000 was reduced by \$1,200 when they sold American flags at Residents' Beach. In fact they sold 500 flags by 8:00 pm and thanked everyone for their generosity. Look for donation stations to be situated around your island's favorite businesses in the near future.

So, thank you islanders for keeping the tradition and creating an unforgettable celebration in honor of our nation's independence!

*For more July 4th photos see page 23*





# Rookery Bay Calendar of Events

October 15th 5:30-7:00

Artist Reception with Kathy Spalding. Free.

October 22nd 9am to 12pm

Quick-Start Your Kayak: Introductory level course to kayaking: safety, simple rescues and basic paddling instruction. \$40 (\$35 for members). Pre-Registration required.

November 12th-15th

Paradise Coast Kayak Symposium hosted by Rookery Bay Reserve and Salt Water Sports. Seminars, paddling instruction, races etc. Register [www.saltwatersportsflorida.com](http://www.saltwatersportsflorida.com)

November 1st

Registration opens for the 6th annual 2010 SW Florida Nature Festival. Pre-registration is required [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)

November 18th 5:30-7:00

Art Exhibit Opening Reception: "Painting Annual", presented by the United Arts Council of Collier County and Friends of Rookery Bay. Free.

December 15th

Wing It! A Beginning Birders' Workshop: Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. \$20 (\$15 for members). Limit 20.

ONGOING:

Guided Kayak Tours - Join a Rookery Bay naturalist for a guided exploration of the bays and mangrove forests of Rookery Bay Reserve. Wednesdays through October. Wednesdays and Fridays November through April. Times vary. Check website for details. \$35 (\$30 Members) Pre-registration required.

Coastal Connections Daily Programs -

The Environmental Learning Center is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Also open Saturdays November - April.

Daily programs on a variety of topics are included with the cost of admission and are offered at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

Visit the calendar at [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)





# What do You Like Best about Residents' Beach?



**Lee & Bob Turner**

Lee walks every morning and sometimes stays and reads. Bob works so he comes to Residents' Beach (RB) once a week.

Lee said, "I love RB. It's well maintained, always clean. Dennis does a wonderful job. When I walk down the boardwalk and see a sailboat on the water, it's HEAVEN!"



**Franziska Wagner**

Originally from Germany, Franziska is proud to bring her family and guests who visit to the RB. She said, "I sit under a chickee every day with friends and I have been a member since moving here 29 years ago!"

*See Page 18 for more!*



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## What do You Like Best about Residents' Beach?

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### Aurora & Pedro Vasquez

They spend 365 days per year at RB. Pedro, who will be 93 in November, walks everyday on the beach. "We sit in groups under the chickees and when other members travel to other parts of the world, we stay in touch via the internet, so RB has joined many of us as friends!"



### Silvia & Jesus Garcia

"Residents' Beach is the main reason we're on Marco Island. It's better than fishing and golf. We like RB the way it is. We come every day and also walk the beach in the winter."

Long-time member and regular at the Residents' Beach, Susan Pellegrino passed away August 1.

We'll all miss her smiling face.

## Photo Contest....

### *Send Us Your Photos!*

We thought you might enjoy this photo of John Edward and Josh which was taken by Victoria Wright at Residents' Beach this summer.

If you have any images you'd like to share with other members either e-mail them, along with some information about your subject or subjects, to: [marcoislandcivicassociation@embarqmail.com](mailto:marcoislandcivicassociation@embarqmail.com), or mail them to the address on page 2. We'll print as many as we can, giving you credit and awarding a prize to the photo(s) we consider to be the best in each issue.

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# Naples Botanical Garden

*by Amy Kessler, Communications Manager, Naples Botanical Garden*

The Naples Botanical Garden is well on its way to its grand opening in November 2009. At that time, three major gardens – the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children’s Garden, Brazilian Garden, and Kathleen and Scott Kapnick Caribbean Garden – as well as the Mary and Stephen B. Smith River of Grass will welcome their first visitors.

The Garden will create a place where cultural diversity is celebrated and appreciated. Brazilians will be able to celebrate their incredible botanic heritage as well as the vision and skill of Brazilian icon, landscape architect, Roberto Burle Marx. Caribbean cultures will be distinguished in gardens representing the enormous impact that the region played as a gateway for the arrival of European explorers.

The interactive Smith Children’s Garden, designed by renowned landscape architect, Herb Schaal, will delight children, parents and grandparents alike with waterfalls, tree houses, seven child-size recreations of native habitat, weird and wonderful plants, and a hidden garden filled with fanciful plantings in recycled objects.

The soon-to-come Marcia and L. Bates Lea Asian Garden will follow these same principles of commemoration and admiration of the people and plants of Southeast Asia. So too will the local landscape be reflected in the Karen and Robert Scott Florida Garden. The Garden is also home to a unique 90-acre nature sanctuary with seven different ecosystems. Housing unspoiled marshes, twisted mangroves, giant pines and ancient cypress; this vital corridor is home to otters, bobcats, hawks, eagles, and other wildlife. Bird lovers will enjoy the opportunity to witness dozens of species in their native habitat as well as scores of migrating birds in the spring and fall.

The Garden will also house the Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center. This



*The Interactive Smith Children’s Garden*

15,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility is a joint venture of the Garden and Florida Gulf Coast University. FGCU students and the Naples community will be able to take classes in all aspects of gardening, landscape design and environmental sciences.

Collier County schoolteachers will have a wonderful venue to provide hands-on experiences for their students in the natural sciences. These will augment the Garden’s existing programs such as the acclaimed “Global Garden” program.

For community members looking for a unique opportunity to use their talents, the Garden offers volunteer positions where they will share stories and plant knowledge with visitors. Volunteer opportunities also exist in light office duty, special projects and, of course, gardening.

The economic value to the community will be substantial. This world-class cultural attraction will entice visitors not only from Florida, but will be a destination for travelers from all corners of the globe. The Garden will make a profound difference in our community now and for generations to come and is located at 4820 Bayshore Drive, Naples. You can visit their website at [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).



# Uncle Sam's Sand Jam!

July 4th 2009

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article and more photos*



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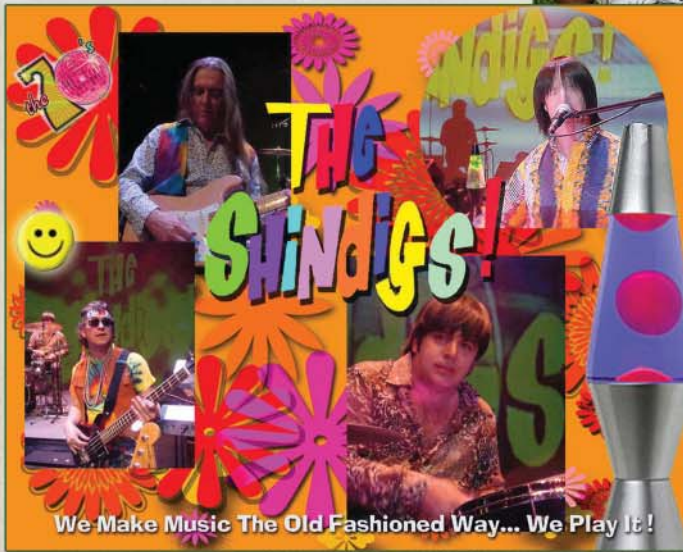
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