
MICA WAVE

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The Clerk Takes New Steps to Reach Out to Community

The Board of Directors of the Marco Island Civic Association invites you to hear first hand what Dwight Brock, Collier County Clerk of Court, is doing to keep our county on the straight and narrow.

Please attend Tuesday, October 21, 6 p.m., in the Community Room of the Marco Community Bank (MCB). MCB is located at 1770 San Marco Road. Park around back to enter the Community Room.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Collier County is an independently elected Constitutional Officer and Public Trustee whose responsibilities include Accountant, Auditor, Keeper of Court and Public Records and "Watchdog" of all Public Funds.

The Clerk's role is defined by the Florida Constitution of 1838 and Florida Statutes to ensure a critical system of "checks and balances" to protect and serve the citizens and taxpayers of Collier County by making sure that all taxpayer dollars are spent lawfully.

The Clerk's Office performs nearly 1,200 different constitutional



and statutory functions or duties, the broadest and most diverse role of any elected public official. The Clerk's Office ensures that all county and state programs are

administered correctly, efficiently and in full public view.

Dwight Brock believes the Clerk's Office is all about serving the taxpayers. This year a number of new initiatives have brought the Clerk's Office and the community closer together. The list includes the use of electronic, print and face to face communications to help the public learn more about the Clerk's Office, and how to take advantage of its many programs and services.

The Clerk's official website CollierClerk.com was redesigned to provide easier access to public information and online services. The Clerk's staff now offers

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MICA Members are Invited to

**MICA's Annual
Membership Meeting**

Tuesday, January 13th - 6:00pm
San Marco Catholic Church Parish Hall
851 San Marco Road

Presentation of MICA's Humanitarian Award

President's Letter

by Howard Jordan

With all the recent negative headlines circulating in every newspaper across the country, I thought some positive news would be appropriate. MICA's financial house IS in order. Your Board of Directors is proud to announce that MICA has paid off our Pavilion at Residents' Beach. On September 18 we made our last payment of \$406,085.60. We are planning a celebration of this great accomplishment soon. We hope you can join us. Goal number one for fiscal responsibility.....Pay Down Debt.

The board has also made certain that our cash balances all fall within FDIC protected guidelines.

Although many financial institutions have approached MICA with strategies explaining the procedure to raise the limit, we have chosen the most conservative approach to limit possible exposure. These are not times to test strategies that have never been tested. Goal number two for financial responsibility..... Safe money should be safe.

Our advice to our Members Only business partners would be to shore up your financial house. Understand the risks you may be taking when it comes to leverage or cash management. We hope that our members rally around local businesses to help them through these challenging times.

Charity may start at home but make sure we, as the citizenry of Marco Island, support our local businesses.

Time will pass, politicians will come and go promising great things and delivering nothing, yet our goal should remain the same. Sound financial management with the assets entrusted to us as well as a clear vision for our future will provide a path towards success. The path may be bumpy at times but if we keep our heads down and a smile on our faces, we will all get through these difficult times...TOGETHER! If anyone would like to discuss MICA's financial situation, please do not hesitate to call me at 642-7778.



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Will There be Fireworks Next Year?

by Ruth McCann

What is most vivid in your mind about a July Fourth Holiday on Marco Island? For the majority of people who live on Marco or who have had the opportunity to vacation here for the holiday, the most dramatic moments certainly involved brightly colored fireworks.

July Fourth is so very special to our island. Marco Island can sometimes be an island divided on issues, but a wonderful community spirit always comes through for the Fourth! Each year members of our community join together to create an outstanding Independence Day celebration for all. For the past few years the City of Marco Island has joined in the celebration as well and financed the spectacular fireworks display that lights up our beachline, a.k.a., our skyline.

Throughout the day this year, thousands came to Residents' Beach and joined in the activities. They participated in games, had their faces painted, strung red, white and blue bracelets, or painted patriotic scenes. They joined together to form teams to build the ultimate sandcastle! This year's winning team constructed a four foot high Liberty Bell, crack and all. They danced and celebrated with friends.



As in year's past, as nightfall descended on Marco, thousands more came to our beachfront to see the main attraction. Boats dotted the Gulf of Mexico. And the show began with a bang and went out with a bang, with lots of little, wonderful bangs in between! We must thank the City of Marco Island for ensuring that this year's event was one to live up to.

What will next year bring to the skies of Marco? Economic times are difficult now, but there is no other event on Marco Island that is more community minded and that brings thousands and thousands of islanders together. No other celebration on Marco attracts the number

of tourists and neighbors at our beachfront hotels. They come specifically to enjoy Marco's spectacular celebration.

July 4, 2009, is eight months away, but now is the time to plan. Because of budget cuts, the City of Marco Island will most likely only partially fund a fireworks display next year.

To ensure a fantastic community day, the MICA Board of Directors has asked Steve Thompson, City Manager, to arrange a meeting of hotel managers, the Restaurant Association, and any other interested parties as soon as it is clear exactly how much the City is willing to fund.

Wonder Woman

by Ruth McCann

A recent visitor to the MICA office was member Elizabeth Freeman. Seeing her date of birth on her driver's license, we had to ask if there was a typo on the year of her birth! Wow, was she in shape and looking terrific!

We asked Elizabeth what her secret is to keeping young, and believe it or not, she said "Residents' Beach!" She then proceeded to share with us that she would "testify that having a Residents' Beach membership and using it, can keep you young." Five mornings per week, Elizabeth starts her day at "Curves" and then walks on Residents' Beach.

When I took her picture and said I'd like to put a little something in the MICAWAVE,



Elizabeth Freeman is pictured with (left to right) MICA office staff members Rina Lazo, Sue Hughes, and Kathy Creighton.

Elizabeth said, "just say I'm a very senior citizen!"

We're not giving away her age,

but the girls in the MICA office can unequivocally state that Elizabeth Freeman is a wonder!

All Ages Enjoy our Beach!



Ava Marie Stewart (7 months) and Tyler Stewart (4 years) of Victoria, Minnesota, enjoying Residents' Beach while visiting their grandparents, Roger and Marie Landsburg who are also from Minnesota and have a home on Marco.

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1770 San Marco Road,
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Marco Island, FL 34145

August 12, 2008

Marco Island City Council
50 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, FL 34145



Dear Councilman:

As you know, each year the Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) prepares a survey for its membership. The 2008 survey was mailed to all MICA members, and more than 2,600 were returned and tallied. Attached are the results of MICA's most recent membership survey.

As many of the questions refer to issues that City Council may address in the upcoming year, the MICA Board of Directors thought you would find the results helpful. It is our hope that you will give these survey results consideration when making decisions that affect the residents of Marco Island. While the survey is not a scientific study, City Councilors have agreed that the results are a valuable resource in determining how the residents of Marco Island feel about topics.

One issue in particular will be addressed by City Council next week – a special assessment for fire services. Question 16 asked if respondents supported such an assessment. While 10.4% voted “yes” and 17% were undecided, a very large majority of the membership, 72.6%, did not support the City Council instituting this City fire service assessment.

In addition, the MICA office has received an exceptionally large number of telephone calls from members voicing their disappointment with the City of Marco Island for “going around the tax cut” that voters approved and instituting an assessment that is not tax deductible.

We would urge you to reconsider instituting this and any other special assessment.

Sincerely,
Howard Jordan, President

*Editor's Note:
At press time City Council voted not to
impose a special assessment for fire services.*

**Alumnae Club of
Marco Island Inc.**

“Santa’s Helpers”

Since 1983 the Alumnae Club has been serving over 3,000 children and families in this community during the Christmas Holiday. We work in conjunction with our local schools and 6L Farms to get the names of families who are in need. We also give each family a Publix gift certificate.

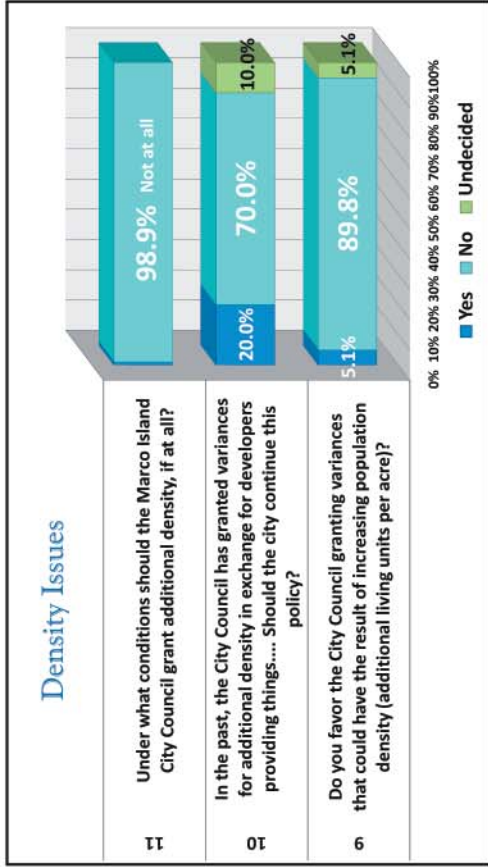
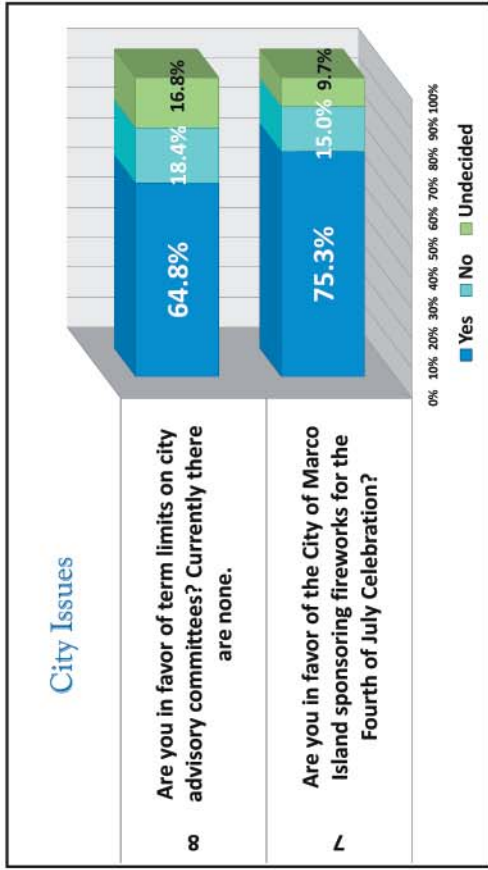
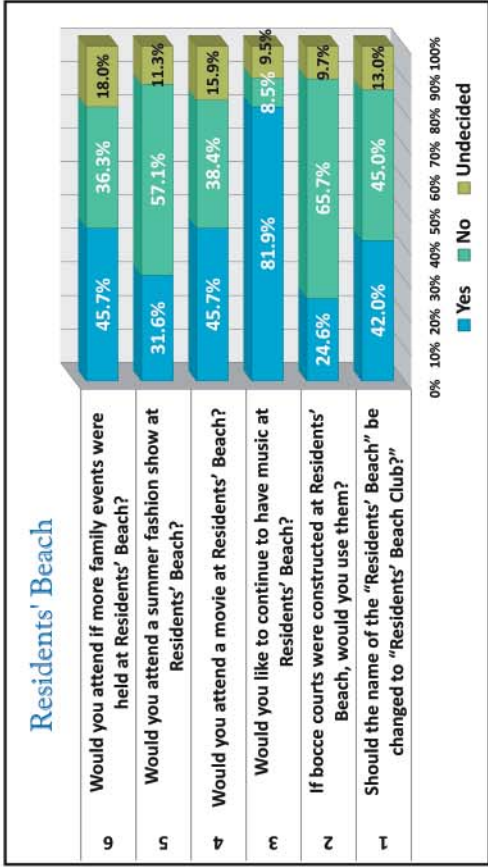
The families also receive food coupons to buy their holiday meal. Our friends and members interview the families, shop for Christmas presents, wrap the gifts and then we have a party at Mackle Park to give out the presents. Santa Claus is always there to greet the children with candy. In order for us to continue serving the children, we hold two fundraisers per year.

October 30th is our Card and Games Luncheon that is held at the Hideaway Beach Club. Donation: \$45 per person. Contact Mary Stillwell 393-2424.

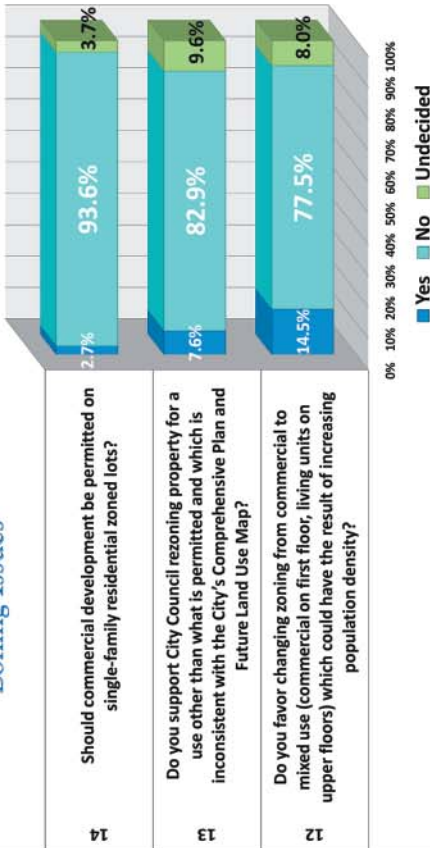
On December 5th we hold our Christmas Gala at Hideaway Beach Club. Donation: \$65 per person. Contact Priscilla Penn 642-3046.

For Club information, contact President Lynne Minozzi 642-3836.

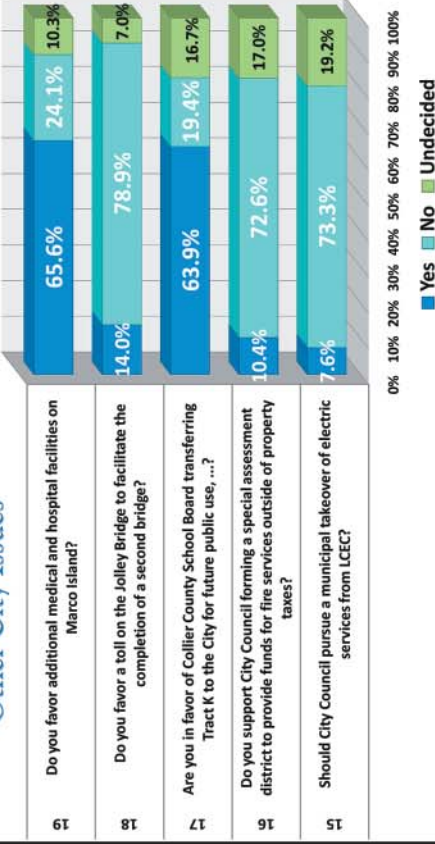
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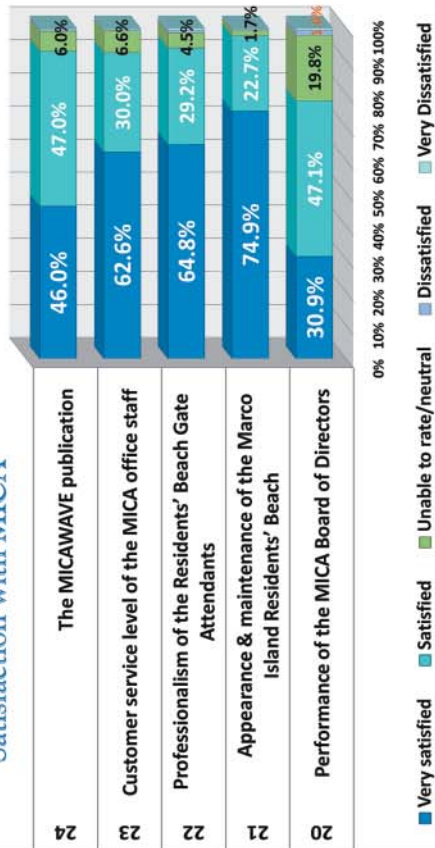
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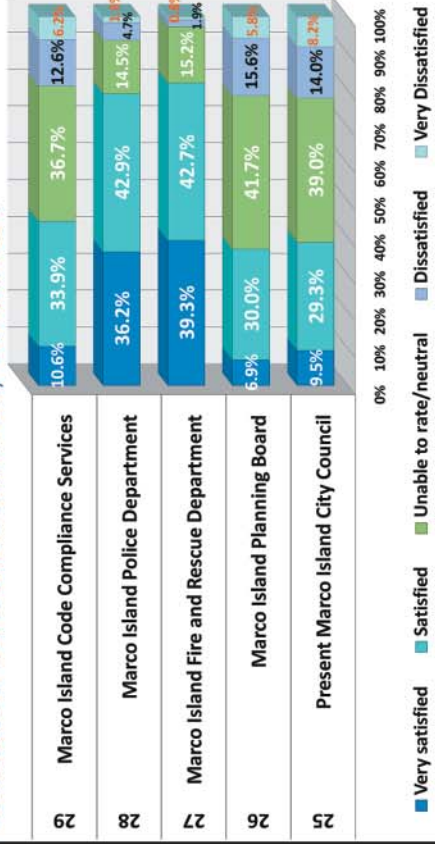
Other City Issues



Satisfaction with MICA



Satisfaction with Marco Island City Government



The World's Smartest Bivalve

by Linda Shockley, MICA Board Member

On a recent visit to Residents' Beach around 6 pm I went for a beach-combing jaunt at the water's edge. As I wandered along the tidal pools, I saw many colorful shells. So I was inspired to write about the natural history of a common, but very unusual animal, the calico scallop.

This year round resident of Marco's water, the calico scallop (*Argopecten gibbus*), which can grow as large as 2.5 inches, is a bivalve with two fan-shaped shells (valves) that are mirror images of one another except for color. Near the hinge, where the two valves meet, the shell is flared out on each side, forming




small "wings." The upper valve has brightly colored patterns of rose, pink, purple, or orange. The lower valve is usually white, with more color closer to the hinge, although sometimes the color extends to the edge of the valve. Both valves have 17 to 23 squared ribs which radiate from

the base. Scallops cannot dig into the sandy bottom as clams do, so the darker patterned top valve helps camouflage scallops as they sit on the sea bed. The top valve often has barnacles, slipper shells, or sponges growing on it, adding to the camouflage.

Most bivalves have two adductor muscles to the right and the left of the hinge; these muscles hold the two valves closed. The scallop, however, has one large central adductor muscle. (When you dine on "sea scallops" at a restaurant, you are eating the adductor muscle of another species of scallop that

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Even if you've lived here all your life, The Marco Review can keep you up to date with all that's new and exciting on Marco Island. Featuring over 150 local businesses, it's the only publication privately owned by Marco Islanders. Read our well respected Realty Review, stay informed with our calendar of events and enjoy our articles - they're fresh each issue and all about Marco.

And when you have visitors The Marco Review is an invaluable resource... the perfect place to find activities to entertain the whole family. Beautifully presented, with evocative photography, The Marco Review is a mirror of everything we love about our idyllic island home.

Pick up your free copy at the Residents' Beach Gatehouse or read us on-line at www.marcoreview.com

So much more than a visitor magazine!

The Clerk Takes New Steps
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“live” website tours to community groups upon request.

The Clerk’s free public seminar series continues on November 5th at Hodges University. To register for “Filing a Small Claim” call (239) 598 – 6133.

New traffic kiosks have been installed at four Clerk’s offices to accommodate those who wish to pay a traffic citation online using a debit or credit card.

A new Clerk of Courts curriculum has been introduced to the School District’s Social Studies teachers. The curriculum addresses the role of the Clerk in

local government and is available to teachers, students and parents at CollierClerk.com.

In October, the Clerk’s Office staff will participate in a community service project to benefit the Naples Shelter for Abused Women and Children. This effort coincides with Domestic Violence Awareness month.

The Clerk’s quarterly newsletter and Highlights Magazine is available at over 30 different locations throughout Collier County and can also be emailed free of charge to citizens upon request.

By the end of the 2008 calendar year Dwight will have

spoken at over 25 different community events.

The official website, CollierClerk.com and the “Community Partnership” webpage highlight these and other initiatives of the Clerk’s Office which have been designed to assist more individuals, home owner associations and businesses take advantage of the Clerk’s many services.

For more information contact:

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Clerk of the Circuit Court,
Collier County,
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The World’s Smartest Bivalve
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can grow as large as eight inches.) The adductor muscle provides the power which allows this animal (along with all members of the true scallop family) to do something no other bivalve species can do—swim!

To swim, the scallop opens its valves to pull in water, and then quickly claps the valves shut with the adductor muscle. As the valves close, the mantle, which is a thin sheet-like organ that creates new shell material, directs the flow of water. If it forces all of the water to shoot out through the back hinges, the scallop moves forward through the water via jet propulsion. If the water is forced out around the margins of the valves, then the scallop can swim backward.

The mantle is not just a smooth sheet of tissue; there are many fleshy tentacles extending from the mantle’s edge. These tentacles have sensory roles and are sensitive to chemicals in the water, especially those produced by predators of scallops. So scallops are able to “smell” a predator, such as a sea star, and respond by clamping their valves shut for protection, or swimming away. A scallop can swim for a few seconds up to two minutes, depending on currents and the severity of the threat.

When the scallop’s shell is gaped open, you can see the sensory tentacles as well as the scallop’s most interesting feature - two rows of tiny, bright blue eyes, about 20 around the margin of each valve. These eyes have a cornea, lens, and retina, structures also found in

human eyes. Because of their eyes, scallops can sense motion and shadows, so a crab or fish trying to sneak up and grab a snack will be seen, and the valves will close. Should the scallop lose an eye, it is able to regenerate another.

While scallops can’t be said to have a brain, they do have a nervous system that is unusually concentrated, with a complex, fused central ganglion which is the largest and most intricate of all the bivalve species in the world. The way scallops react—swimming away from danger, orienting their shells, and responding to movement and shadows—indicate that they can process the information from what they see and “smell.” The blue-eyed calico scallop—the world’s smartest bivalve!

Status Update On The Jolley Bridge

by Bill Trotter, Chairman, Marco Island City Council and MPO Board Member

On Tuesday September 2nd, the City Council voted to advise the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Board to stop any further expenditure on the Jolley Bridge Toll Feasibility Study until a final decision on leasing Alligator Alley is made and how the revenue from the lease will be distributed.

This represents the latest step in your Council working with the MPO, Collier County, and the FDOT (Florida Department of Transportation) to address the long-term need for bridge access to Marco Island in the most cost-effective manner, and with the best funding option.

The first area of focus in this effort will be to try to obtain alternative sources of funding for a replacement to the Jolley Bridge.

Obtaining funding for the bridge from the leasing of Alligator Alley, if it is approved, would seem to be a potential solution since there is a priority on using projected revenues to benefit the counties in which the project is situated.

While waiting for that decision, we will gather further information on the most cost-effective approach, including the option of constructing just one new span (with 2 break-down lanes) instead of two spans. This is important in order to present the least cost option to help us gain this new source of funding. It

will also help to better understand our options --- if for some reason that source does not become available. The single span option also seems viable due to a recent survey which indicated that there was only a minimal concern from motorists regarding congestion on approaches to the bridge.

As Marco Island's MPO Member, I advised the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Council's recommendation at the September 12th MPO meeting. I'll also provide the Council and our community with periodic status reports on our progress.

One encouraging note on discussions to date is that all of the agencies involved have expressed their interest in working with us to develop the best solution for the long-term safety and quality of life of the residents of our Island.

In addition, other recent input from the County and State has lessened the urgency in addressing this matter. First, the County advised us that a recent assessment of the Goodland Bridge was in error and the bridge is in good condition. Secondly, the FDOT has advised us that they will ensure that proper maintenance of the current Jolley Bridge be provided to keep it in good condition for some time. Even though there is a possibility of closure of the Jolley Bridge for several months if major road

surface repairs are needed, currently there is no indication of the need for this.

Finally, I think that it is important to continue to address the need for a new bridge, first, because the current one has a limited remaining life span, and it will take a number of years to permit and build a new one. Secondly, according to the FDOT, the new bridge will be rated for a category 5 hurricane and the current bridge is only rated for a category 3 storm.

Good News:

The north side of the Jolley Bridge will soon be on par with the medians on the "Marco side" of the bridge. At the September 9 Board of County Commissioners meeting, the commission authorized spending a state grant to landscape the approach to the island beginning just north of Capri Boulevard. This stretch is approximately one mile long and will be planted with gumbo limbo and royal palm trees, live oak, bird of paradise, silver saw palmettos and bougainvillea. The county will first put the project out to bid by contractors, with work beginning sometime in April.

The Saga Continues... Tract K

by Ruth McCann

As most Marco Islanders are aware, in 1964 the Deltona Corporation declared Tract K in Unit 11 (the Tigertail area) a school site on its Master Plan for Marco Island.

In December 1989 Tract K was donated by Deltona for the residents of Marco Island and Marco Shores and deeded to the Collier County School Board at no cost. In all the documentation between Deltona and the School Board, Tract K was always referred to as a school site and was intended for the use of the residents of Marco Island for educational/recreational activities.

For almost 45 years Tract K, an 11.6 acre plot, has sat vacant, not living up to the original plans of the Deltona Corporation. As parents and coaches have been pointing out, there is now a pressing need for recreational facilities for younger Marco Island residents. As it has many times in the past, the MICA Board of Directors has again urged the Marco Island City Council and the School Board of Collier County to cooperate now and take necessary steps to fulfill the original spirit of Deltona's donation of Tract K.

Just as other properties that the Deltona Corporation donated are presently in use by the residents of Marco Island for churches and parks, it was expected that Tract K, which was also donated for public

use, would remain in the public domain and be utilized by the young residents of Marco Island.

As Deltona envisioned, Tract K is a unique parcel of land that has the potential to serve our community for generations to come. MICA has surveyed its members on numerous occasions over the last 11 years with regard to the use of Tract K. The results of each survey overwhelmingly support Tract K remaining in the public domain as a school site, a park or a cultural center.

MICA has requested in the past that the city rezone Tract K from "residential single-family" to "public use." We feel it is imperative that the property be rezoned for public use, as was the original intent of the Deltona Corporation.

In the past the Collier County School Board twice declared Tract K surplus and attempted to place it on the market for sale to a developer. The City of Marco

Island negotiated in good faith with the Collier County School Board regarding the transfer of Tract K during 1997-1998 and again in 2006-2007. Each time the City clearly made its intentions known that it was intent upon retaining the property for public use for the benefit of the residents of Marco Island.

Unfortunately, each time negotiations slipped by the wayside and the property still sits idle.

Let's not wait another 45 years. Now is the time to act to bring Tract K to its intended use on behalf of the residents of Marco Island. It is our greatest hope that an agreement will be reached to meet the needs of the school aged children of Marco Island. Marco Island City Council members agreed to approach the Collier County School Board after the elections in November. We'll keep you posted.

Christmas Island Style Schedule

December 6 6- 8 p.m. Tree Lighting

December 12 6-11 p.m. Final Judging -
Decoration Contest

December 13 6:30 p.m. Street Parade

December 20 6 p.m. Boat Parade

December 21 3 p.m. MICA's Holiday Celebration -
Residents' Beach Members Only



Did You Know that the FDIC Can Insure More than \$100,000 in Deposits?

by Rich Storm, Chairman – Oversight Committee, Marco Community Bank & Chief Operating Officer of Marco Community Bancorp, Inc.

As Marco Island's hometown community bank and a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), I would like to answer a few questions pertaining to the FDIC insurance coverage.

The FDIC was formed in 1933 to protect people from losing their life savings due to bank failures. Banks that are insured through the FDIC are one of the safest investments you can have.

The FDIC can insure significantly more than \$100,000 in deposits in several ways through:

- Single Accounts
- Self-Directed Retirement Accounts
- Joint Accounts
- Revocable Trusts



For example, if Doug and Lisa were to open the following accounts:

	Single Accounts	Self-Directed Retirement Accounts	Joint Accounts	Revocable Trusts	Total
Doug	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$750,000
Lisa	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$750,000
Total	\$200,000	\$500,000	\$200,000	\$600,000	\$1,500,000

That's correct, in the above scenario Doug and Lisa can be insured up to \$1,500,000 in one of the safest investment options you can have, an FDIC insured bank. Protecting your hard earned money is very important to us and we, at Marco Community Bank, can provide you with customized solutions to meet your banking needs.

To meet the needs of the community, we will be hosting FDIC informational sessions in the near future to explain in detail how the coverage works. Seating is limited, so please stop by our office at 1770 San Marco Road (same as the MICA offices) or look for our invitation in the mail. To verify if your bank is insured through the FDIC, visit their website at www.fdic.com.

Rich Storm was formerly the CEO of a multi-national receivable management company and he held leadership positions with GE's financial services division for over 17 years.

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Humanitarian Actions

by Ruth McCann

Karen Saeks, MICA's 2008 Humanitarian of the Year and founder of "Bedtime Bundles," has successfully tackled another hurdle. Karen ecstatically reported that Bedtime Bundles has been approved for non-profit status and is now a 501(c)3 corporation! The date of this non-profit status is retroactive to January 31, 2008.

Karen has been working all summer collecting items to be placed in her Bundles. Something that she is in desperate need of and which has not been easy to come by is climate controlled storage. Karen has been storing donated items and assembling bundles in a hot garage, certainly not the best location in which to work and to keep precious donated items for the children. If you have air-conditioned space that you would be willing to donate to a most worthy cause, please call Karen Saeks at 239-398-5179 or email her at karen@bedtimebundles.org.

Working with the migrant farm community, MICA's Humanitarian has also brought to our attention a food pantry that recently started at Manatee Elementary School. Needless to say, they need everything. With the economy being as tight as it is for everyone, countrywide, imagine how tight it must be for those who were not making much to begin with. Please consider donating gift cards for Publix, Winn Dixie or Walmart in any

amount (but best in \$25 increments) so families can purchase what they need. Karen Saeks recently stated that "the situation here is critical. There is no work, no money and that equals no food. This is America and we have hungry, malnourished children in East Naples." Take your gift cards, school supplies or nonperishable foods to Carmen Fontdevila at Manatee Elementary School, 1880 Manatee Road, Naples 34114. If you have questions, please call Carmen at 377-7600.

And speaking of Bedtime Bundles, what is in one? Because Bedtime Bundles are often distributed to siblings or children living in the same migrant camp, Karen and her fellow volunteers are committed to ensuring that all of the items listed below are included in every Bundle. Please feel free to purchase any or all of the items listed, for infants through 17 years of age. Bedtime Bundles volunteers will assemble the items in a pillowcase for you. Of course, what's placed in a bundle is based upon the age you are targeting. Diapers or pull ups, baby wipes, powder, diaper rash ointment, pacifier, Orajel, toothbrush and toothpaste, soap and shampoo, wash cloth and towel, pajamas, socks, underwear, sweatshirt or sweater, blanket or throw, pillowcase, gallon Ziploc bags, and a book, toy or stuffed animal are all in a typical Bedtime Bundle. Join your friends and

neighbors who have already given "Bundles." Another option is to donate portions of a bundle. Recently, an individual donated 50 tubes of toothpaste and 50 pairs of pajamas!

If you don't have time to shop, you can still help. You can send a check or gift cards to Bedtime Bundles, Inc., 1061 S Collier Boulevard, Unit 501, Marco Island, FL 34145. Gift certificates may be purchased at any of the following locations: Publix, Wynn Dixie, Sav-a-Lot, Target, KMart or Wal-Mart. Please feel free to drop your bundle or donation at the MICA office at 1770 San Marco Road, Unit 204, or call Karen Saeks to arrange for pickup at 398-5179. The "Bundles" are given to children in East Naples whose parents are typically farm workers.

Recently, Bedtime Bundles began to put together basic first aid kits comprised of liquid Tylenol, alcohol, peroxide, triple strength antibiotic ointment, hydrocortisone cream, calamine lotion, Pepto Bismol, Band Aids and cotton balls. These kits are dispensed as needed to families.

MICA names its "Humanitarian of the Year" each January at its annual meeting. Do you know a resident of Marco Island who is an unsung hero? Someone who takes great strides to help those less fortunate or in need of a helping hand? Please call the MICA office at 642-7778 and share this special person's name with us.

MARCO ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION "MEMBERS ONLY" DISCOUNT PROGRAM

The following businesses would like to say "thank you" and are extending a minimum 10% discount to MICA & Residents' Beach members who present their MICA membership cards AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE. These discounts are not valid with any other offers and are at the discretion of each business. Discounts are for MICA & Residents' Beach members' purchases only.

A. Pinto Self Storage

5% off self storage rental fee for new rentals & document shredding
994 N Barfield Drive, Unit 23, 394-1822

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Free MICA Membership and Big Buck\$ in Your Pocket!

by Lynn Bradeen

The MICA Members Benefits Package just keeps growing and growing. The newest members of the Discount Program span some great areas of expertise. Most recent additions include: Gulfside Electric Company, attorneys James Karl & Associates, Saboutime Sailing out of Rose Marco River Marina, Reflections Liquors, and the women's shaper "Curves."

In addition, Marco Community Bank will now reimburse you for your MICA and Residents' Beach fees when you open an account at

MCB. Existing account holders are also eligible for this new member benefit. While MCB pays your dues, you continue to reap additional dividends all year long by using your MICA DISCOUNT CARD at leading establishments on Marco Island.

Every type of goods and services are available at a discount to MICA Members. (Please see the list of participants in this publication.) Using your MICA DISCOUNT CARD saves you big bucks and at the same time helps the merchants

and service providers on Marco who are also your friends and neighbors.

If you do not have both MICA Memberships come in and sign up and start saving. All the benefits provided by MICA plus the use of the most beautiful beach in Florida can be yours for no cost to you, along with big \$\$ savings all year long by using your MICA MEMBERS' DISCOUNT CARD.

PLEASE-----stop wasting your hard earned money and become a full member. We look forward to having you as a member!

Previously we published a poem titled, "The Dash", without crediting the author.

We recently learned that the poem was written by Linda Ellis of Linda's Lyrics, www.lindaellis.net. Ms. Ellis owns and has registered the copyright to her poem.

Marco Island Woman's Club Elegant Home Tour

Join us for a fabulous day of touring 4 beautiful and charming homes located at Fiddler's Creek on Friday, January 16, 2009. The tour will begin at 10 AM. Arrangements have been made to enjoy a wonderful and relaxing lunch in the Caxambas Room at 12 Noon followed by a Fashion Show by Kay's on the Beach. Tickets: \$65.00 per person. For additional information, contact chairwoman Lynne Minozzi 642-3836. Proceeds to benefit the Scholarship Fund and other local charities.



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How the Sea Turtles Fared in 2008

Courtesy of Maura Kraus, Collier County Sea Turtle Protection Program

	Total Nests		Total False Crawls		Total Hatched Nests			Nests Lost Due to Storms
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented	
Barefoot	75	41	85	32	53	34	0	11
Delnor Wiggins	17	18	33	20	4	13	0	0
Vanderbilt	83	55	63	69	48	35	0	20
Parkshore	83	71	41	56	28	45	2	27
City of Naples	63	43	28	42	29	37	2	15
Keewaydin Island	233	140	316	205	135	117	1	40
Sea Oat & Coconut Island	11	13	14	13	1	9	0	3
Marco Island	34	41	53	95	13	31	1	11
Kice & Cape Romano	95	27	101	26	17	12	0	11
Collier County Totals	694	449	734	558	328	333	6	138

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Tropical Storm Fay

by Clarence Tears, Director Big Cypress Basin, SFWMD

Recent rains from Tropical Storm Fay, and the potential for more storms through the hurricane season, have understandably caused concern among Collier County residents this season.

While the South Florida Water Management District takes all necessary steps to prevent or minimize flooding when possible, there are severe limitations to the antiquated drainage system currently in place within the county. It is therefore critical to comprehend how the climate and natural and human-made systems work here in Southwest Florida to understand what's been happening in our area.

We have a defined dry season that provides the type of beautiful weather that drew many of us here to live. But we also have a distinct wet season typically characterized by afternoon thunderstorms. That rainy season is further enhanced by tropical systems that can greatly impact our local weather.

Those weather extremes can cause drought conditions and then suddenly localized flooding, and back again to little rainfall. The climate patterns are also intimately connected to the patchwork of wetlands that define the landscape of Collier County, which is part of the western Everglades. Our wetlands are seasonal, meaning they only have water in them for a few months. They filter surface water and recharge aquifers, along with providing habitat to a myriad of wildlife.

Many of our homes have



been constructed in these wetland areas. The house pads are built up high enough to prevent water from entering our homes in most cases. But the surrounding yards and swales will still hold water seasonally.

While the swales and canals residents see within their neighborhoods might appear to be flood control systems, they are not. They were constructed in the 1960's to drain the land to build homes, such as residences in Golden Gate Estates.

The drainage system was not intended for flood protection and it is not connected to larger regional flood control system that protects much of 16-counties within the SFWMD. The design itself limits the capacity of the canals. Compounding matters is the fact that many more people live in Collier County today than when the drainage system was constructed.

The SFWMD, through its arm known as the Big Cypress Basin, took over management of the primary canal system from local

authorities beginning in 1986. The District made several upgrades to the Cocohatchee, Corkscrew and Golden Gate canal systems.

Yet the SFWMD faces great challenges in managing the antiquated system - not designed for such work - to provide what flood protection is possible while also saving water in dry times to recharge aquifers.

Prior to the arrival of Tropical Storm Fay, the network of the Big Cypress Basin water control gates were operating on normal wet season schedules. In preparation for the storm, many of the gates were further opened manually to draw down water levels to make room for stormwater from the anticipated rainfall.

Fay turned out to be a massive rainmaker for much of the state. Eastern Collier County and the CR 951 corridor received close to 10 inches of rain. The amount of rainfall equaled a 25-year storm event (9 inches or more of rain in 72 hours). This volume

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Boat Operator's Responsibilities

by Tony Saputo, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9-5 Marco Island

How many times have you observed a boat being operated in an unsafe manner and wondered if the person at the helm knows the navigation rules or what NO WAKE means? Plenty of times, I am sure!

Being the boat's operator is a huge responsibility. Boat operators must know how to handle a boat in many different situations, know the navigation rules, what the aids to navigation mean that are in the water, be able to navigate, use a compass, chart or global positioning system, how to use a marine radio and what safety

equipment must be aboard to meet federal and state requirements.

Florida has more boating fatalities than any other state. One of the main reasons is the lack of boater education.

Boat operators must have the knowledge and skills necessary to operate a boat BEFORE they step aboard. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary's Boating Skills and Seamanship Course, which begins on October 27, is an excellent course that will help boat operators become more responsible and knowledgeable. This course is held at the Auxiliary

station located in Caxambas Park, Marco Island. For further information, call Doug Johnson at 239-642-8406.

Other classes include: Global Positioning System - November 4 and 6; and Boaters Local Knowledge - November 11. Learn more about shelling, fishing, and navigating the waterways around Marco, Capri, Goodland, Naples and Everglades City. Contact Doug Johnson.

Does your boat meet all the Federal and State equipment requirements? Not sure, then call Larry Plank at 239-793-5566, the inspection is FREE!!!

Tropical Storm Fay

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of surface water runoff from the 120 square-mile Golden Gate watershed exceeded the conveyance capacity of the canal system – the ability of the canal to handle stormwater.

Despite open gates, the low topography and gravity flow of the canals resulted in very slow release of flood waters, and caused flooding in several areas. Additional rain, through afternoon thunderstorms and/or post-storm feeder bands, delayed lowering of water levels. In some cases, water levels may have even increased.

Much of that excess water drains to tide. When the tide is coming in, or if winds from the storm push water onshore, drainage can also slow.

In the areas where upgrades occurred, the system performance improved. Had these upgrades

not been made, the situation could have been much worse.

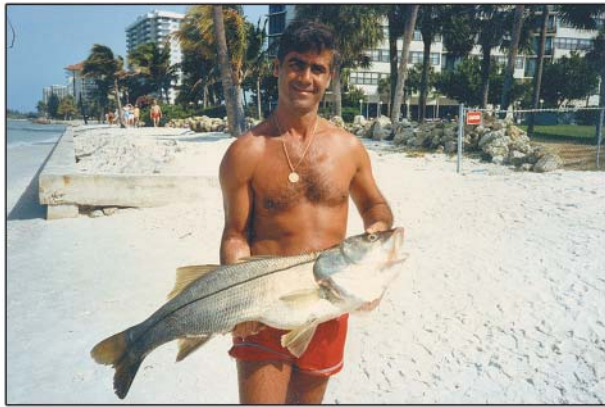
Additional improvements to the canals and water control structures are scheduled. However, the system will continue to be limited. Improving the system significantly would require land to expand the canals, and every property adjacent to the canals would have to give up a portion of their backyard. After the expensive process of acquiring the land, there would be a lengthy permit process for major system expansion.

Since major expansion is not the most viable option at this time, the District continues to focus on improvements to the system, including structural upgrades, channel improvements, preventative maintenance and restoring historical flow-ways to reduce the impacts of major storm events. Remember, flood

control has always been a shared responsibility, requiring local municipalities, developers, homeowner associations and even individual homeowners to assure that neighborhood culverts are clean, swales and retention ponds are installed and local canals are adequate to move water into larger water bodies through the Basin's primary canal system. We continue to bring this message to our citizens and are now helping impacted local governments expedite their stormwater improvement efforts.

We also know that storms are an unchanging part of life here in Florida. We prepare for their arrival, deal with the impacts, clean up, dry out and prepare again.

Once again, the Big Cypress Basin/SFWMD remains committed to protecting residents within Collier County.



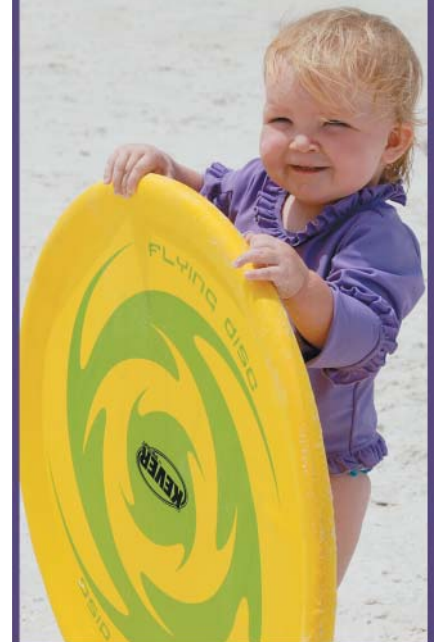
The north end of Residents' Beach in front of Gulf View Condominium has changed over the years. The photo on the left, which is reproduced courtesy of Evangelos and Janice Deftereos, was taken in 1981. The photo on the right shows what it looks like today.



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