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President's Message

by Dianna Dohm, MICA President

On behalf of the Marco Island Civic Association Board of Directors and Staff, we hope you had a wonderful holiday season and wish you a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

We would like to convey our sincere thanks for your membership as we wrap up an eventful 2016 and shift our momentum into the next calendar year. The past 12 months have been marked by noteworthy achievements. As we reflect on the past year, I believe the MICA Board and Staff should have enormous pride on their accomplishments and look forward with enthusiasm to 2017.

This year promises to be an exciting year for MICA. Membership is surging to an all-time high, civic issues continue to be closely monitored, the Architectural Review Committee is keeping up with the building demand and both Residents' Beach and Sarazen Park are completing facility upgrades. Paradise Grill has expanded its menu to include dining specials and is now serving beer and wine so that you can toast our beautiful sunsets on Friday evenings. Also, to make sure we have enough parking to accommodate our soaring membership, we have revised our ID procedure. So please make sure you bring your ID when enjoying our Jewel of the Island...our beach.

Again, this year we have a number of concerts planned for your music pleasure. You can always count on a good time with our Concerts on the Green.

Again, thank you for your membership and Happy New Year!



*Dianna Dohm, President,
MICA Board of Directors*

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Update From Residents' Beach

by Ruth McCann

MICA is always striving to stay atop of maintenance at Marco Island Residents' Beach. Assessing last season's use and looking at the property with fresh eyes, several projects were decided upon.

Previously there were two bike racks. Those two were replaced and two additional bike racks were installed. At the same time, pavers were placed around the racks, creating a dry landing for bikes. With parking being an issue on the island, we see many more people biking and wish to encourage biking to the beach. Just remember to bring your Residents' Beach ID!



The chickee huts took many hits from storms and were showing their age! Thus, the umbrella chickees were rebuilt, expanding the shady areas to escape from the sun!

The playground at Residents' Beach will soon have new swings, including the wonderful "Expressions Swing," and a line of drums to entertain the kids. At the same time, Sarazen Park's playground will be replaced, and will feature a bright spring green color.

Flowers have been planted and mulch has been installed. Come on down and see the improvements!



Kiwanis Marco Island Car Show

February 19th, 2017, 9am-3pm



It's show time! The Marco Island Car Show is scheduled for February 19, 2017 at the Marco Healthcare Center. The show will start at 9am and end at 3pm. Over 200 cars will be on display for the public to view and photograph. The Kiwanis Club will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and homemade chili. The Italian American Club will be serving hot coffee, cakes and homemade Zeppoles.



As in previous years, there is no fee to enter your car and trophies will be awarded in 20 categories. If you own a vehicle that is your pride and joy, this is your opportunity to join other car enthusiasts in showing some of the finest cars in Southwest Florida.

Spectators will enjoy the fantastic Celtic Spirit Irish Dancers who will return for their 5th year as well as the Marco Island Charter High School band and cheerleaders.

This show has enabled Kiwanis to purchase educational materials such as books and computers for many children in the area. Come out and help Kiwanis help kids!



Marco Island Citizen of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Awards for 2016 Presented

by Ruth McCann



Pat Rutledge of The Marco Island Historical Society receives the Marco Eagle Volunteer of the Year Award



*Kathy Sullivan with Dianna Dohm, MICA President and Citizen of the Year
Photo Credit: Coastal Breeze News*

On Sunday, December 4, the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce held its Christmas Gala at Bistro Soleil. In addition to wonderful live entertainment, a delicious feast, and comradery between friends, two prestigious awards were presented.

Marco Eagle Manager T.J. Boone presented the Marco Eagle Volunteer of the Year Award to Pat Rutledge, who is known for her countless hours of service to the Marco Island Historical Society. Pat asked the audience to “find your passion and give a piece of your heart to it.” T.J. remarked that through Pat’s leadership “the Marco Island Historical Museum is an award-winning museum, recognized by the Florida Association of Museums for excellence in its exhibits.”

Then Boone listed the many activities and groups in which MICA’s President Dianna Dohm has been involved, including President of the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation, past president of the Kiwanis Club of Marco Island, AVOW Hospice Board, the Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee, the Seafood Festival committee, and Marco Healthcare Center Board of Directors. Following the extensive list, Boone presented Dianna with the Naples Daily News Marco Island Citizen of the Year Award. Dianna was surprised to receive this honor and thanked her “fire foundation family, my Kiwanis family and my MICA board family. I couldn’t be in better company.”

Applause for these two busy women was heard around the island!

Post Note: On January 1, Sandi Riedemann-Lazarus retired from the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce, after serving as Executive Director for 21 years. The MICA Board of Directors wishes Sandi the very best in her retirement. The Chamber Board of Directors selected Dianna Dohm as its new Executive Director.



The Long and Winding Road

by Roger T. Hernstadt, Marco Island City Manager



On February 22, 2005, the Marco Island City Council approved the Mackle Park Master Plan. The plan was to serve as a long-term guide for improving Mackle Park. This initial phase included upgrading the playground, spray park, and installing new shuffleboard and bocce ball courts.

The second phase included additional site work. The current sports field was created by filling in of the old finger ditch and adding a bridge. The next phase included a walk path around the lake expanding to 12' wide and adding low level lighting. During this phase the soccer field was completed with the addition of the lights during the summer of 2010.

With completion of the majority of the outdoor amenities we currently enjoy, the next phase was to construct a 20,000 square foot Community Center to replace the one inherited from Collier County that was constructed in 1987.

In the spring of 2011, the first set of plans for the Community Center was unveiled to the public. These conceptual plans incorporated not only the 20,000 square foot Community Center but also an addition of an 18,000 square foot indoor gymnasium and walking track. At an estimated price tag of close to seven million dollars, it was infamously referred to as the "Taj Mahal". The cost and size created a public outcry as to "do we really need a new community center". As the months passed and a new City Council was elected in 2012, a non-binding public referendum was proposed to answer whether to proceed with the conceptual plans.

Over the next year, different proposals were put forth with recommendations as to size and desired amenities for the community center. A "modular design" was considered as a low cost alternative which would be built in phases. However, after further investigation, the possibility of a modular design presented too many constraints and the decision was made not to consider this option. With the aid of the Parks and Recreation Committee, the majority of the concerning issues were resolved. The most difficult issue of concern was the

question of funding. The City Manager put forth what is now known as the pay as you go "bucket plan", which the majority of City Council supported as the way to assemble the necessary funds to support the project.

With the referendum set for August of 2014, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee began its campaign of visiting various community centers focusing on a general conceptual design for consideration to meet the desires of our community. Every PRAC meeting held an open forum for the public to make comments. PRAC members reached out to local groups along with setting up a booth at the Farmers Market to inform the public on the proposed plans. As the referendum date neared, the "buzz" got louder that a much more manageable 16,000 square foot building at a cost of \$3.5 million dollar was being proposed as a more realistic alternative for the needs of the community.



Mackle Park Community Center, 2015



*Mackle Park Community Center
- Artist Rendering*



Fast Forward...

With the straw vote approval of the community, the City Council authorized staff to proceed with the \$3.5 million center. An architect was selected in May of 2015. After 11 months of designing, the final architectural plans were posted for bid. Eight contractors bid for the project and when the final bid envelopes were opened, R. E. Crawford of Sarasota was the lowest priced responsive and responsible bidder. The contract was awarded by City Council on June 6, 2016.



Mackle Park Community Center under construction, October 2016

Construction began on August 8, 2016, following the completion of Camp Mackle. The construction project is on schedule to be completed within 12 months. We anticipate being in the new center by the end of the summer of 2017. The foundation has been poured and the walls are now going up. Although there is a construction fence up, it is exciting to peak over the fence and see the new building going up. Please feel free to stop by our administrative trailer located next to the basketball courts in order to see the plans or obtain additional information regarding the new center or ongoing park programs.

Of course, this is only a brief synopsis of the events that have led us to where we are today thanks to the many people who worked tirelessly to make this project a reality. The outside amenities of the park will remain open during construction, and the current teen center at Mackle Park is being utilized as offices and sports equipment check out. Indoor recreational program activities have been temporarily relocated to the Family Church on Winterberry.

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City Aims to Lower Pollution from Storm Drains

by Jim von Rinteln, FPEM, CEM, CFP

Marco Island is beginning an initiative to raise awareness and improve compliance to its storm drain dumping ordinance. City storm drains are not connected to the sewer system. Rather they are designed to collect rain water runoff from storms, and discharge it into our canals, bays and the Gulf. This storm water discharge can be a major polluter to our island's waterways and the Gulf if pollutants are allowed to enter them. And this is where the City needs your help!

Typical pollutants that find their way into our storm drains are: fertilizers, pesticides, oil, gasoline, anti-freeze, grease, paint cleaners and other household chemicals. These substances should never be dumped where they will find their way into a storm drain and care should be taken to prevent inadvertent spillage or use around an island storm drain. Pet owners should never let their animals "do their business" around a storm drain.

Sediments are another big polluter to our waterways. Construction sites are required to install sediment fencing for the duration of the construction project. The City is actively patrolling and enforcing this requirement and will levy penalties

for non-compliance. Homeowners need to assist with sediment runoff as well, landscaping, gardening, sod replacement and other small projects can contribute to significant sediment runoff.

To remind everyone of the importance of the community's assistance in keeping as much pollution as possible out of our City storm drains, it has begun a storm drain stenciling program to alert and remind everyone not to allow "dumping" into our storm drains. With a little awareness and cooperation this source of pollution to our waterways can be greatly minimized.



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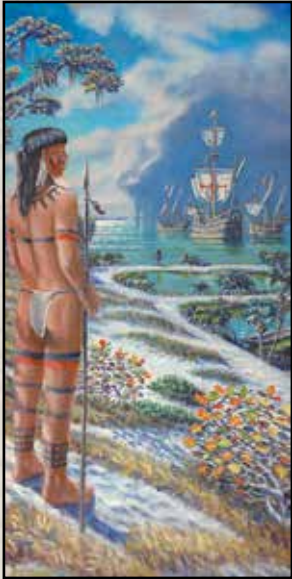
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Final Two Permanent Exhibitions Open at Marco's World Class Museum



*First Contact,
original work of art
by Paul Arsenault*

art were created by seven renowned artists for transfer to the faux windows and doors that will encircle the outside walls of the Museum complex buildings. Participating artists are John Agnew, Paul Arsenault, Merald Clark, Muffy Clark Gill, Tara O'Neill, Jarrett Stinchcomb and Malenda Trick.

Each of the windows and doors have been underwritten by Marco Island patrons, to raise funds to bring home on loan some of the Key Marco Calusa artifacts, including the Key Marco Cat, excavated during Frank Hamilton Cushing's world-famous 1896 archaeological expedition on Marco Island.

The Marco Island Historical Museum is located at 180 S. Heathwood Drive. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Admission is free and the site is handicapped accessible. For general information visit www.colliermuseums.com or call (239) 642-1440.



*Pioneer Era: A Tale of Two Villages.
Rendering by Creative Arts Unlimited*

It's a busy time at Marco Island Historical Society, as January and February see the opening of the final permanent exhibits at the Marco Island Historical Museum - one inside and one out.

On January 26th, "Pioneer Era: A Tale of Two Villages" opens to the public. This is the third and final inside permanent exhibition at the museum and is interactive, chronicling the evolution of the pioneer villages at Marco and Caxambas and offers visitors an in-depth look at the people, industries and lifestyles on Marco Island during the late 1800's and early 1900's. Rare photographs and objects are brought to life in dynamic and engaging displays.

The most prominent feature is an immersive Florida "cracker cabin" where visitors can sit and view films about Marco's history. Other exciting elements include digital projections, original animations and artwork, a replica Collier City archway and digital displays for viewing materials from the MIHS collections.

Then, on Saturday, February 18th Windows & Doors to History, a permanent, one-of-a-kind outdoor gallery opens to the public at a special free event held between 1-3 p.m.

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Marco Island Residents' Beach FAQ

Who is eligible to join Residents' Beach?

Individuals who own improved residential property on Marco Island and those who rent improved residential property on Marco Island one month or longer.

How much is the fee? Is it for 12 months?

The fee is \$140. Membership is concurrent with MICA's fiscal year, which is September 1 through August 31. If you qualify for membership as an owner, your membership is active through MICA's fiscal year. If you qualify as a renter, your membership is active for the time period you are renting during the fiscal year.

Who can be listed on my membership?

Membership is for spouses and their children between the ages of 12 and 22 who reside with them. All members must have a Residents' Beach ID card made at the MICA office.

What do I show when I enter Residents' Beach?

The member will have a Residents' Beach ID card made at the MICA office and will show the ID to the gate attendant. If you do not have your ID card, you may show your driver's license. The gate attendant will look up your membership in the database. If you do not have either of these, you will not be granted entrance. Regardless of how you enter, on foot, via bicycle or vehicle, your ID will be required.

I am bicycling to Residents' Beach. Where can I put my bike?

First, remember to bring your beach ID with you. There are four beautiful bike racks directly in front of the gate house at the entrance. You will store your bike there. You may not ride your bike through any portion of the Residents' Beach property. FYI: Bikes are not permitted on the beach on Marco Island.

How many people can I take with me to Residents' Beach?

A member may take up to five people with him or her.

I am a Residents' Beach member, how can I park at Sarazen Park?

When you park at Sarazen Park, please leave your Residents' Beach ID card on the dashboard of your vehicle. Remember to lock your vehicle and put the top up if you have a convertible. If a gate attendant is not at the Sarazen Park entrance, staff checks the property and vehicles multiple times during the day.

Can a car follow me into Residents' Beach?

No.

I have guests staying with me. I want them to utilize Residents' Beach without me. How do I do that?

A member may obtain a guest pass for family and friends staying with him in his home. The member completes the Guest Pass Application. The fee is \$40 per pass, per week for up to six people. Everyone on the pass must enter together. If your guests wish to enter in separate cars or at different times either on foot, bike or car, another guest pass will be required. You may not obtain a guest pass for a renter.

How can my kids, mother, uncle cousin get into Residents' Beach?

You may take up to five people with you or you may obtain a guest pass. (See question above)

I was asked for Residents' Beach ID when walking from the beach. Why?

MICA may have a representative at the beach side of the property checking to ensure that those entering the Residents' Beach property from the beach are, in fact, members of Residents' Beach.

Can I give my ID that was made for my use to my son, daughter, grandson, etc., so they can go to the Residents' Beach without me?

No. The ID is made for your use only. If you give it to anyone, it will be confiscated by Residents' Beach staff, and you will lose your membership. (See question above.)



I would like to have a picnic at Residents' Beach. What do I do?

Complete the form at the MICA office. Entrance and parking is permitted for Residents' Beach members only. Should you have non-members you wish to invite, they can ride in your car with you when you enter. You can not shuttle people in. You may enter once with up to five people with you. In addition, if the non-members are Marco Island residents, they are eligible to join Residents' Beach.

Can I apply online?

You can apply online for membership and a guest pass. The application will be processed on the next regular business day - Monday through Friday, between 9am and 4pm. For membership, you will have to come to the MICA office with your driver's license or government issued photo ID. Your picture will be taken and your Residents' Beach ID card issued. For guest passes processed during the week, the passes may be picked up at the MICA office Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm and at the Residents' Beach gate house on Saturday and Sunday.

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What Makes Your Electric Bills Different Each Month?

by Karen Ryan, APR, CPRC, Public Relations Manager, LCEC

Have you ever found yourself wondering how your electric bill can vary from month to month? The first thing to note is that LCEC has not raised electric rates in more than seven years. In fact, rates have been reduced five times in the past three years. There are actually many other factors that can cause variations in your monthly bill. Although all factors cannot be controlled, awareness will help avoid surprises when your bill arrives!

Your Schedule

You will notice a change in your electric bill during times when you are home more than normal, or when your children are out of school for a holiday or you have house guests.

Your Electronics and Entertainment

The type and number of convenience and entertainment electronics you have greatly influences your energy usage. The more electronics you use the more power you use.

Your Billing Cycle

Your electric meter is read once a month, but holidays and weekends can affect LCEC's meter-reading schedule and your billing cycle can vary from between 28 and 35 days.

If you only look at the dollar amount of your bill, you may feel your use has gone up, when, in reality, there were more days in the billing cycle. It's always best to look at the average daily consumption shown on your statement to compare bills from month to month.

The Weather

Heat, cold, rain, cloud cover and humidity can affect your electric bill. It's a good idea to keep your blinds closed during the warmest part of the day in the summer and open for the sun to heat your home during the winter.

Your Habits

Your electrical usage habits will directly affect your electric bill. Do you turn off the lights and ceiling fans when you leave a room? Do you leave the TV on when you're not watching it? Do you wash full loads of laundry in the clothes washer and full loads of dishes in the dishwasher? Do you leave your outside lights on during the day? Do you keep your house cooler than 78 degrees in the summer and 68 degrees in the winter?

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Residents' Beach Clean-Up October 15th, 2016



More than 60 individuals participated in the MICA Residents' Beach-sponsored beach cleanup! Residents' Beach members pitched in with assistance from the Marco Island Academy Key Club members. It should be noted that beachfront restaurants and hotels have taken steps toward reducing their plastic footprint by using paper or eco-friendly straws. We all have much further to go, but it's a step in the right direction.



American Cancer Society of Marco Island Imagines a World Without Cancer

by *Maureen Chodaba*

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer through prevention, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. On Marco Island, the ACS is a united force in the fight against all cancers.

On World Cancer Day, February 4, 2017, the Marco Island Marriott Beach Pavilion will be aglow with “Glitz, Glamour & Giving”, the American Cancer Society Imagination Ball. This gala fundraiser will feature fine food, music by the Stacey Allison Band, and both live and silent auctions. With a theme and décor that will evoke images of movie stars and the Oscars, this year’s event will feature a video presentation that will rival the story of any Academy Award winning film.

The American Cancer Society will honor and remember Dick Shanahan’s extraordinary dedication and service in the fight against this dreadful disease. Dick and his wife, Debra were co-chairing the Imagination Ball for their fifth consecutive year. Dick had been diagnosed with stage 4 hepatobiliary cancer last May and passed away on October 20, 2016. With steadfast conviction, Debra continues as this year’s chair, stating “Dick was determined to make 2017 our best year in fundraising efforts. With a great committee by my side, and Dick’s spirit in my heart, I know his wish will become a reality.”

100% of the funds raised during final call to action or in memory of Dick Shanahan at the 2017 Imagination ball will be restricted to cancer research.

There are so many ways in which you can participate and make a difference:

- Stop by **Kathein Jewelers** in the Shops of Marco on January 27, 2017 from 3 to 7 pm for their Shop For a Cause event. Just as they did in 2016,



Dick Shanahan, who passed away in October 2016 from cancer, with his wife Debra Shanahan, 2017 chair of the ACS Imagination Ball

Kathein Jewelers will be donating 25% of their sales at Shop For a Cause to the Imagination Ball.

- With a \$100 donation to the Imagination Ball, you may purchase a plush cuddly teddy bear that will be delivered along with your personal note to a child in a hospital. Imagine the hope. Imagine the healing.
- To make a special donation in memory of Dick Shanahan please visit www.acsimaginationball.com.

The Imagination Ball will feature convenient online bidding for their silent auction. Bids can be placed directly through your mobile phone. Please call the office or visit www.acsimaginationball.com to purchase tickets and learn more about the event.





Relay for Life

Imagine a world without cancer. On April 1, 2017 Marco Island will relay that message of hope once again. **The Relay For Life** will be held from 4 pm to 10 pm at Veterans Community Park. Chaired by Cathy Nelson for the second consecutive year, the 2017 event will be a Community Barbecue with food, entertainment and fun for the whole family.

A common misconception is that the Relay For Life is an athletic event. In actuality, it is a community festival. In the true spirit of community, the Relay For Life is a team event. Each team works diligently to raise funds in the fight against cancer. Much of the fundraising takes place before the actual event with activities like karaoke nights and a fashion show. Fundraising activities on the day of the event include food, games, and chance drawings.

Cancer survivors will relay the message loud and strong, that someday we will live in a world without cancer. The opening ceremonies will be followed by a Survivor's Lap around the Relay track, showing the world that cancer cannot destroy the spirit of hope. A survivor's dinner will be held at the adjacent New Life Church.

The event will conclude with the traditional



Luminaria Ceremony honoring loved ones

Luminaria Ceremony when survivors, caregivers and loved ones are honored with beacons of light, illuminating the Marco Island sky with the promise of more birthdays and many, many tomorrows.

Please join us in the quest for a world without cancer. For more information about the Imagination Ball and the Relay For Life, please visit www.acsimaginationball.com, relay.acsevents.org, or contact your American Cancer Society at 239-642-8800 or Sue.Olszak@cancer.org.

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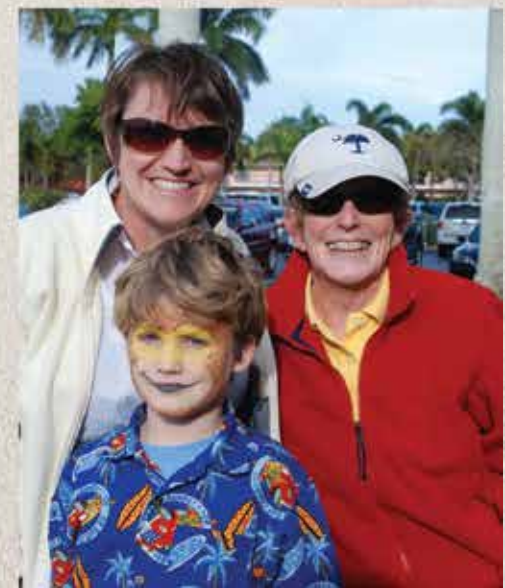




MICA's 2016 Holiday Party, December 30th, 2016



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Shelter for Abused Women & Children Provides More Than Shelter

by Kaydee Tuff, Communications Manager, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children



Founded in 1989, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children leads the community to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence and human trafficking through advocacy, empowerment and social change.

Thanks to unwavering community support and strong alliances with school, law enforcement (including the Marco Island Police Department), judicial and elected officials, we have grown from a renovated four-plex in 1989, to a 60-bed, state-of-the-art campus with seven transitional housing cottages. Future plans include two more transitional cottages and the Immokalee-based Shelly Stayer Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking.

But we provide much more than emergency shelter.

Through its three-pronged mission, The Shelter's prevention and outreach programs transform thousands of lives each year, offering hope and healing to Collier's most vulnerable citizens. Our onsite kennel allows survivors to bring their pets with them. Unique programming, such as Healing

Top left : Participant Sarah and her children in one of the transitional cottages.

Top right: Transitional Cottage.

Bottom right: The Shelter for Abused Women & Children – Naples facility.

Arts, Raising Gentle'men, and Women of Means, are among the 30 programs we offer.

The Shelter Options Shoppe, located at 968 Second Avenue North in Naples, provides funding for Shelter operations as well as clothing, furniture and other household items for shelter participants. Donations are always welcome.

Support initiatives such as Gentle'men Against Domestic Violence® and The Shelter Guild are instrumental in raising funds and community awareness. More than 400 volunteers serve on The Shelter's leadership boards, work in our thrift shop, assist with fundraising events, and answer the 24-hour crisis hot line at all hours of the day or night.

Over the years, The Shelter has received numerous local, state and national awards, but the most rewarding endorsement is the response from the survivors we serve.

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What Can be Recycled in Collier County?

by Ruth McCann

In 1990 Collier County introduced the residential curbside collection of recycling with the introduction of an 18 gallon bin. Items were placed in the bin and the recycling truck driver sorted the items at the curb into two categories, paper and containers. In October 2005 the county implemented single stream curbside recycling collection that introduced the 64 gallon cart (the green and yellow cart). Single stream recycling means no sorting at the curb, allowing for total automation in collection.

Recyclables are taken to a facility in Pembroke Pines, Florida, where they are dumped on a tipping floor and then placed on a conveyor belt that transfers all of the material into an automated sorting system. The automated system does not allow for bagged recyclable materials. One major issue of recycling is contamination. Recyclable material is considered contaminated if more than 10% of garbage is mixed with recyclables. *Do not place recyclables in plastic bags and do not place plastic bags in the recycling bin.*

Plastic grocery store bags can be recycled at Publix, Winn-Dixie, and Lowe's as well as other locations, but they cannot be placed in the recycle bin.

Operation Medicine Cabinet helps keep harmful drugs from falling into the wrong hands and offers a responsible alternative for reducing pharmaceutical contaminants in our environment. On Marco, there is a drop box for medications inside the lobby of the Marco Island Police Department at 51 Bald Eagle Drive. Needles and "sharps" can be taken to the Recycling Center.



What can be recycled at home in the green & yellow bin?

- Paper products, such as junk mail, magazines, newspaper & wrapping paper (no foil wrap)
- Cardboard flattened to 3' by 3' size (no waxed cardboard or food soaked cardboard & no shrink wrap)
- Plastic containers with the recycling triangle, numbers 1 through 7, such as shampoo, dishwashing liquid, detergent, cleaning supplies, milk jugs, beverage containers
- Egg cartons, vegetable & meat trays (other Styrofoam goes in the trash)
- Glass, such as food & beverage glass jars
- Tin food & beverage cans

Please take the following items to the Recycling Center:

- Auto oil, transmission fluid, paint, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals and household chemicals
- Paint cans, aerosol cans (e.g., paint, bathroom cleaner)
- Nail polish bottles
- White goods (e.g. stoves, dishwashers, microwaves, etc.)
- Fluorescent bulbs or compact bulbs
- Rechargeable and alkaline batteries, cell phones
- Electronics (e.g. computers, radios, TVs, stereos)
- Ink cartridges
- Tires & batteries

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Marco Island Center for the Arts

Musical Interludes 2016-2017

by Hyla Crane, Executive Director, Marco Island Center for the Arts

Do you enjoy gazing at beautiful artwork while enjoying the dulcet tones of a delightful melody? As humans we find great pleasure when we experience visual and auditory sensations at the same time. The relationship between music and the visual arts, two elements that nourish the soul, in their creation and appreciation, has long been recognized by all levels of art lovers in our society. The Marco Island Center for the Arts Musical Interludes series offers an opportunity to enjoy the synergy between music and visual arts. This series provides the opportunity to relax in intimate art galleries surrounded by unique exhibitions while enjoying unforgettable musical performances.

Exhibitions and musical programs will include:

January Exhibition

January 20, 2017, 5:30pm

Jebry Sings - Jazz singer Jebry, a.k.a. Judy Branch, the one-time Harry James Big Band singer, was among the first to bring jazz to Naples when she came here 22 years ago. As a vocalist, she is surprisingly versatile, and really transcends categorization as a “jazz” or any other type of singer. *Tickets \$25*

February Exhibition

Art Center Member Show

February 9, 2017, 5:30pm

Peter and Will Anderson Jazz Trio direct from NYC - “Virtuosos on clarinet and saxophone,” (New York Times) Julliard graduates Peter and Will Anderson will be joined by guitarist Alex Wintz and will delight and dazzle with their extraordinary talent. This show sold out in 2016. *Tickets \$25*

February 15, 2017, 5:30 pm

String Theory - Glenn Basham, violin; Dan Heck, guitar; and Kevin Mauldin, contrabass, join forces to create a formidable and energetic sound featuring daring improvisations on familiar standards as well as originals. These three renowned Florida musicians

provide a ‘third-stream’ fusion of classical and jazz music. *Tickets \$25*

March Exhibition

ArtServe Presents Art Brazil

March 7, 2017, 5:30pm

Apollo’s Phonograph - From the jazz standards of Duke Ellington, Ella Fitzgerald, and Frank Sinatra to the Bossa Nova masterpieces of Consuelo Velázquez and Antônio Carlos Jobim, Apollo’s Phonograph brings only the finest selection of jazz repertoire. *Tickets \$25*

March 16, 2017, 5:30pm

Partners in Music: Rebecca Richardson & Dan Heck -These local jazz legends and husband and wife team will provide the audience with a dazzling evening of music while sharing their own special musical journey story. *Tickets \$25*

April Exhibition

Adult Student/High School Scholarship Show

April 13, 2017, 5:30pm

Tango S.V.P - This new tango group that has recently been called to acclaim by many local residents of Naples. An evening of dynamic music and dancing is encouraged. Limited seating.

Tickets \$25

May Exhibition

What’s Old Is New

May 3, 2017, 5:30pm

Bob Zottola Jazz Cabaret – This jazz trumpeter returns with his cabaret act that SOLD OUT in June of 2016. He has played with legends like Benny Goodman, Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra and dozens of others. Dancing encouraged. Limited seating. *Tickets \$25*

*For information/tickets call 239-394-4221
or visit www.marcoislandart.org*



Leigh Plummer Park, Native Plant Hammock

by Maria Lamb, Calusa Garden Club

“It has always been my goal in life to educate our community about our beautiful native plants and to help get rid of the exotics,” said Eva Schliesser. In 1984, Eva got her wish as the Calusa Garden Club worked with the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department and undertook the project of making the area into a passive park and bird sanctuary.

It all started out with simple inquiry from garden club members Eva Schliesser, Naomi White and Jeanne Key to the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department about the possibility of planting, pruning and weeding at the Leigh Plummer Memorial Park. This simple request turned into “can they add more desirable plants?”

In May 21, 1986, The Calusa Garden Club earned the prestigious Clyde D. Ware Award from the Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, for civic development in recognition of the club’s diligent work with the park.

“With the rapid development of the island, it would mean that native species would soon disappear,” said then President Dorothy Johnston. The garden club members planted native species such as cabbage palms, live oaks, gumbo limbo, geiger tree and yellow elders. A cluster of cypress trees were planted on the banks of the lake. Laurel oaks and black olives were planted to attract birds such as cardinals, Carolina wrens, mockingbirds, and purple martins.

Native plants are those that occur naturally in an area, are adaptable to local conditions and thrive with the least care. They also provide food and shelter for native wildlife.

Leigh Plummer, a longtime resident and well known President of MICA, tended to the Park in its earlier beginnings. He was instrumental in establishing the park and tended the original plantings. He was a man loved and admired for his many civic accomplishments, and the park was a living memorial in his honor.

There is a small lake in the middle of the Park, and in 1989 the Board of Collier County Commissioners renamed the lake “Calusa Lake” in honor of the island’s first residents, the Calusa Indian tribe.



Calusa Lake, Leigh Plummer Park



Purple Martin bird house

A notable feature of the park, then and now is the purple martin bird house. It was discovered that the martins enjoy “apartment dwelling.” Mrs. Leigh Plummer (Nell) erected the original purple martin house to the delight of the neighborhood. Historically, the Calusa Indians used to carve nests out of gourds to house the visiting purple martins.

Today, Leigh Plummer Park is a beautiful passive park dotted with mature native trees providing shade along the banks of Calusa Lake. Thanks to visions of Eva and the original members of the Calusa Garden Club, this “hammock” of native trees originally planted in 1984-1986 is an example of how native trees add beauty and function to our island paradise.

Leigh Plummer Park is a City of Marco Island “pocket park” located at N. Barfield Drive and Piedmont Circle.

Photographs by Maria Lamb



37th Annual Marco Island Shell Show

by Jae Kellogg, 2017 MISC Shell Show Chair

“Our mission is to promote the study, conservation, history, and science of seashells and mollusks, and to encourage shell-related interests, such as shell collecting, crafting and shell art.”

37 Years of Shell Show!

Our 2017 juried Shell Show will have over 100 Scientific and Artistic Exhibits from Novice to Professional - from all over the world, an amazing Shell Art Gift Shop, a Live Mollusk (shell) Tank, Raffle Items, Local Shells for sale, People’s Choice Awards, 19 Trophies and numerous 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons given out by our fantastic judges - and more! And so it is today, the Marco Island Shell Club, 170 members strong, is one of the most well-founded non-profit organizations in the State of Florida!

Extraordinary Scholarship/Grants Program from our Shell Show Proceeds

Based on proceeds from the the 2016 Shell Show, the club funded one competitive graduate research scholarship for a student in marine and environmental sciences at Florida Gulf Coast University. The endowed scholarship funds at FGCU will continue to provide one undergraduate research scholarship and one graduate competitive research scholarship.

In addition, the club is providing research costs for two doctoral students at the University of South Florida’s Department of Integrative Biology, both of whose investigations are focused in the area of molluscan biology and ecology.

The club has supported educational efforts at Rookery Bay with two grants. One significantly underwrote transportation costs for National Estuaries Day in late September, 2016. The other grant funded the purchase of four replacement LED microscopes for the 4th and 7th grade plankton lab. Each year Collier County school students visit Rookery Bay as part of their science curriculum.

Kids

Part of the educational program of our club is outreach to students of all ages! This year we had



Collier County Girl Scouts - Troops 467, 490, 873

the opportunity to work with 20 Girl Scouts - Troops 467, 490, and 873 - from all over Collier County before Christmas to help them earn their “Shell Badge”! What a delight as we enjoyed the Legend of the Sand Dollar and made sand dollar ornaments! Decorating the ornaments with shells and poinsettia flowers made from gar fish scales was fun for all!

Saturday of the show - has become Kid’s Day! Starting at 12:00 noon - a shell art project/program at the “live” tank and at 1:00 pm - the Award for the BEST Lace Murex Seashell - 3:00 pm - the Raffle Item winners will be announced!



Lace Murex Shell

CONTEST! CONTEST! CONTEST!

Each year, our “Find the BEST Seashell” Contest has become more popular! This year, we have chosen the beautiful Lace Murex - found right here on our beaches! Look for the one that has the exquisite “Lace” formed around the edges of the shell like the one in the picture! You must be there in person to win!





The Ultimate Shell Art Exhibit!

Don't miss this! Come and check it out! For your viewing at our show - Shell Artists from Sanibel, Lee Co., AND "mother nature" all had their hearts and hands in this project! Courtesy of the Lee County Visitor and Convention Bureau.

Mark your calendars - Prepaid tickets for the show are available from any shell club member - you won't have to wait in line! If you are looking for a new activity on the island, check us out at www.marcoshellclub.com and visit the shell show - you won't be disappointed - it's a great thing for kids of all ages - they marvel at the Live Tank - the creativity of our exhibitors and shell artists is overwhelming. Bring your credit card - Come see why we're so excited!!

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Meet Our Judges

Scientific Judges:

- Alan Gettleman - Merritt Island, FL
- John Chesler - Plantation, FL

Artistic Judges will be:

- Sue Hobbs - Cape May, NJ
- Phil Dietz - Cape May, NJ

The 37th Annual Shell Show
 March 9-11, 2017 - 10 am to 4 pm
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Garrett Richter Named Honorary Chair for Batfish Bash for the Bay



**Senator
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Friends of Rookery Bay announces that Senator Garrett Richter is serving as Honorary Chair of the organization's 8th annual **Batfish Bash for the Bay**.

The signature fundraiser takes place from 6 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road,

Naples. The evening includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, "wild" silent and live auctions led by auctioneer and Friends board member Chris Lombardo, a scrumptious buffet catered by Artichoke & Co., and live dancing under the stars to the band Girl Meets Boy. Sponsors include Arthrex, Minto, First Florida Integrity Bank, Collier Enterprises, the Dellora A. & Lester J. Norris Foundation, Naples Daily News, Florida Weekly, and StoreSmart Self-Storage.

**Batfish Bash for The Bay
Saturday, March 18th, 2017 at 10:30pm.**

*For more information visit
www.rookerybay.org*

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*Friday February 24th & Saturday 25th at 7:30pm and
Matinee on Sunday, February 26th at 2:30pm.*

*Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd.
Sponsored by Centennial Bank.*

Men Are Dogs

A crazy comedy written by Joe Simonelli and directed by Ann Megna. Cecelia, a successful psychologist who runs a support group for single and divorced women, has troubles of her own but it's her ensemble of neurotic patients who provide the action when a "volunteer" role-player becomes the hapless victim of their not-inconsiderable ire.

March 16th-20th and April 19th- 23rd, 2017.

*Evening Performances at 7:30pm with Sunday
Matinee Performance at 2:30pm.*

*Rose History Auditorium, 180 S. Heathwood Dr.
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A local osprey enjoying lunch next to the volleyball net at Residents' Beach



MICA members Cathy and Joe Kruse sent us this photo of their children, Jeff & Kerri, enjoying Residents' Beach this Christmas



The Berner family from Maryland showing off their newly printed Residents' Beach ID cards! They are ready for a warm vacation!



Habitat for Humanity

by Andrea McKenna, Donor Relations, Habitat for Humanity Collier County

Just before the holidays I called long-time supporters and Marco Island residents, Linda and Ken, to thank them for their annual gift. I mentioned I had just come from Marco Island. Ken said “We don’t call it Marco Island anymore. We call it paradise.” The joy and pride he feels living in a beautiful, safe home in a wonderful community were apparent. Thanks to the generosity of so many, once again in 2016, more than 100 families in Collier County shared in this joy and pride. Through their partnership with Habitat Collier and our generous donors and volunteers, these families attained the strength, stability and independence that come from owning a home of their own in a safe community. This year we will reach the milestone of having partnered with 2,000 local families who needed a helping-hand to make their dream of owning a home come true.

Nine families who work on the Island are among the 100 to have partnered with Habitat Collier in 2016. Joanna and her family were bless-

ed to be in their home in time to celebrate Christmas. Members of the Island Country Club where Joanna works generously gave their time to help her complete her required 500 “sweat equity” hours quickly. Future homeowners may choose their home location once they complete 300 “sweat equity” hours. Joanna was anxious to get a home in Habitat’s newest community, Legacy Lakes, to make sure her daughter, Angelica, would be in a school where she would get a good education. Currently a straight A student, Angelica has her sights set on studying evolutionary biology at the University of Minnesota. At her closing, Joanna said “Thank you so much for your kind help. My family will have a better life now because of you.”

These nine families working on the Island demonstrated the greatest need and ability to partner with Habitat so they were among the first chosen by our volunteer selection committee to become future homeowners. The other families are currently completing their sweat equity and preparing to soon



A Habitat Collier family, supported by the Marco Island Community, recently closed on their home and received their new keys



move into a home of their own. In total, 84 Habitat homeowner families are employed by 29 Marco Island businesses.

Sadly, for each home we are able to fund and build, 18 families inquire, demonstrating that the need for affordable housing is at a point of crisis for hard-working families in Collier County.

In December, we met a couple who are parents to five children ranging in age from eight to 18. Mom and dad both work at the Little Bar on Goodland. Dad has been there for 20 years. Their dream is to have a proper home where their children can thrive and grow. With your help, this family will look forward to a brighter future.

Your generous support, whether a financial contribution or an investment of your time, makes a life-changing difference for a family. Our goal to raise \$1,000,000 to build eight homes in Naples for families working on the Island has not yet been reached. We need your help. Every gift truly makes a difference. We are grateful to those who have given generously especially JW Marriott Marco Island and Mutual of Omaha Bank. Thank you to all who have offered a helping hand to those in search of the joy and pride that are attained through owning a home of your own.

Please consider attending a complimentary Habi-Tour to experience first-hand the work of Habitat Collier. On Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, March 14 at 9:00 a.m., we will meet at the office of Mutual of Omaha Bank at 1770 San Marco Road for a guided tour.

Together we will visit a completed Habitat community and hear from a homeowner family how their lives have changed. You will see the untenable conditions in which some homeowner applicants currently live. The highlight of the tour is having a family welcome us into their Habitat home to relay their personal story. The family shares their journey and their profound gratitude for those who have offered a hand-up to make the dream of homeownership come true.

The Habi-Tour runs approximately two hours and will begin & end at Mutual Of Omaha Bank's office at 1770 San Marco Road. Habitat is grateful to Mutual of Omaha Bank for its support of the Marco Million Campaign.

For more information or to reserve a seat on the Habi-Tour, contact Andrea McKenna at 239-775-0036 or amckenna@HabitatCollier.org.

About Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

As one of the most productive Habitat affiliates in the nation, Habitat Collier has built 100 homes each year for more than a decade. More than 1900 families are now living in the safety of their own home thanks to their hard work, the generosity of so many in our community and their partnership with Habitat. Families BUY their homes with an interest-free mortgage. Homeowners undergo an exhaustive application process prior to being approved for a Habitat home. Once approved, they invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" building their home and the homes of their future neighbors.

For more information please visit www.habitatcollier.org or call 239-775-0036

Shelter...continued from page 18

In a letter to The Shelter, 17-year-old Alex wrote, "I am a survivor of domestic violence and that was only possible because of this shelter. You took my mother and me in, even when our own family had rejected us. You gave us clothes, food, shelter, but most of all, hope for the future.

You helped my mother get over her depression. You helped me realize that domestic violence is not the norm of every household and that it is wrong and can be prevented. You gave me confidence in myself as a human being. You showed me that even though we had lost everything we had worked for our entire lives, there is still a future for us.

So I say thank you for believing in us, thank you for letting us stay in one of the transitional homes, thank you for giving us an opportunity at a second chance at life though it seemed as if it were all over. Thank you, because if it were not for this shelter, I would not be alive today."

Abuse can happen to anyone. If you or someone you know has been affected by domestic violence or human trafficking, please call our 24-hour crisis line at 239-775-1101.

For more information call 239-775-3862 or go online to www.naplesshelter.org





MICA's 2016 Holiday Party, December 30th, 2016 continued



See pages 16 & 17 for more photos





Shelling Hints

The beach on Marco Island provides some of the best shelling in South West Florida, with more than 200 different shell varieties washing up on the shore. From Residents' Beach south towards Cape Marco and north towards Tigertail on Sand Dollar Spit, each day will yield great specimens. In addition to all of the beautiful shells, you may be lucky enough to come across sea stars, sea urchins, a selection of different crabs, molts of the horseshoe crab (which is more closely related to spiders than to crabs) and of course the elusive sand dollar.

The front cover photo for this issue (also shown below) was taken in mid December 2016 in front of Residents' Beach and shows a group of shells collected in less than five minutes, down by the water's edge within a range of about 20 feet. Included in the photo is a penshell, sea urchins, a mangrove seed propagule, a fighting conch, lightning whelk, Atlantic giant cockle and sponge. The sea urchins look totally different before they lose all of their spines and become bleached white by the sun.

When to go...

2 hours before low tide through low tide.
After storms or unusually strong tides.

Where to look...

The area just above the high tide line, usually marked by a row of seaweed and debris, down to the waters edge.

What to collect...

Whatever you like the look of but remember it is illegal to collect live shells. Sea urchins, sand dollars and sea stars (star fish) can be difficult to assess, so if in doubt return them to the water.

What to bring...

String bag to allow water to flow through and a separate bag for small and fragile shells, water, sunscreen, camera and beach shoes.

Where to go...

The north and south ends of the beach are prime hunting grounds, but the entire beach can yield good finds. Sand dollars and urchins are found mainly in the area north of Tigertail on Sand Dollar spit but can be found on Residents' Beach if you're lucky.

If you need more help identifying your treasures we recommend the following books...

- Florida's Living Beaches – A guide for the curious beachcomber by Blair & Dawn Witherington is a full color book that covers everything you may encounter at the beach from shells to birds and from seaweed to manmade flotsam and jetsam.
- The Nature of Florida's Beaches, including sea beans, laughing gulls & mermaids purses, written and illustrated by Cathie Katz. Easy to read, fascinating and completely practical for the beachcomber.



Identification Chart for Shells Commonly Found on Residents' Beach and Beyond



Angel Wing



Alphabet Cone



Atlantic Calico Scallop



Atlantic Fig Snail



Atlantic Kitten Paw



Banded Tulip



Common American Auger



Florida Fighting Conch



Florida Spiny Jewelbox



Horseshoe Crab



Junonia



Atlantic Giant Cockle



King Crown Conch



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Lined Sea Star



Murex



Nutmeg



Penshell



Sand Dollar



Shark's Eye



Short Spined Sea Urchin



Sunray Venus



Worm Shell



Zigzag Scallop



Celebrating 100 years

On November 19, the 100th birthday of Pedro Vazquez was celebrated at MICA's Sarazen Park. About 100 people stopped by to help mark the event! Pedro is a member of Marco Island Residents' Beach and has been since he and his wife moved to Marco in 1991. At 100 years old, Pedro is still walking the beach each and every day!

Pedro Cesar Vazquez was born in the small town of Ceiba del Agua, a Province of Havana, Cuba, on November 26, 1916. He studied architecture at Havana University. Prior to graduation and due to political

turmoil, he accepted a job as a communication specialist in the Presidential Palace, later becoming Director of Communications. He left Cuba in August 1960 and settled in the Washington, DC, area.

Pedro started his employment in the United States as a waiter until he could secure a position as a designer for an architectural firm. Later he was a designer for an iron works company. In this position Pedro designed the fence around the White House in Washington!

He retired in 1982 and eventually found paradise in 1990, building his house and making his home on Marco Island in 1991.

If you run into Pedro at the beach, it's not too late to wish him a "Happy 100th Birthday!"



Pedro with Orfila Roush, wife Aurora and son Pedro

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Rookery Bay Lunch & Learn Lectures Shine Spotlight on Marine Research and FIU

by Renee Wilson, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Rookery Bay Lunch & Learn Lecture Series

- **January 17:**
“Aquarius: to Live and Work Beneath the Sea,” Tom Potts
- **February 21:**
“Acoustics and Fisheries Ecology Lab,” Dr. Kevin Boswell
- **March 21:**
“The Epigenetics Revolution Reaches the Ocean,” Dr. Jose Maria Eirin-Lopez
- **April 5:**
“Green Turtles Graze Down Bermudian Seagrass Meadows on the Move to South Florida,” Dr. Jim Fourqurean

The cost to attend the lectures is \$15, or \$10 for Friends of Rookery Bay members, and includes lunch with dessert. Located at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road, Naples. Preregistration is required. For more information about the lecture series and to preregister please visit www.rookerybay.org/calendar

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve has announced the schedule of lectures for the monthly Lunch & Learn lecture series at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. In celebration of the recently-established partnership between the research reserve and Florida International University (FIU), this year’s series focuses on research underway by scientists at the university.

The series kicks off at noon on January 17 with “Aquarius: to Live and Work Beneath the Sea.” FIU’s Medina Aquarius Program is dedicated to studying and preserving marine ecosystems worldwide. Tom Potts, director of Medina Aquarius Program, will discuss the incredible 23-year journey of living and working underwater aboard the Aquarius undersea laboratory.

Potts has been with the Aquarius since its relocation from St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands to Key Largo in 1993. Following his graduation in 1991 with a M.S. in Marine Biology from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Potts helped launch the National Undersea Research Center’s Florida Keys science program. He was an aquanaut on the fourth saturation mission aboard Aquarius after its redeployment on Conch Reef in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. FIU assumed operations of Aquarius in 2013.

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The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Classes in 2017

by Ruth Johanningmeir, USCG Auxiliary, Public Affairs

Flotilla 95, Marco Island, offers Safe Boating Classes in 2017. If you are new to boating or new to boating around Marco Island, Flotilla 95 has a class for you.

Boating Skills & Seamanship

This course covers a variety of important topics and provides information that will help attendees become better boaters. Topics covered include: Rules of the Nautical Road, "Highway Signs", Equipment, Boat Handling, Boating Laws, Safety, Navigation, Radio, Lines & Knots and Weather. The course meets twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) for four weeks. A textbook is provided. Classes meet from 7pm to 9:30pm. Following are the dates for 2017:

January 9 to February 2
March 6 to March 30
July 10 to August 3
October 2 to October 26

Boaters' Local Knowledge - Marco Area

This course provides practical information on how to navigate various waterways in and around Marco Island. Aerial and on-water photos are used throughout the course and allow attendees to actually see the areas they will be taking their boats through. This course is recommended for new, novice, and intermediate boaters, or boaters who are new to this area.

January 23 9am - 12:30pm
February 20 9am - 12:30pm
March 13 9am - 12:30pm
October 30 9am - 12:30pm

Boaters' Local Knowledge Backwater Edition – 10,000 Islands Area

This course begins where Boaters' Local Knowledge ends, and provides those who want to explore the backwaters of the 10,000 Islands with the information they will need to safely navigate this unique



US CG Auxiliary Instructor Joe LoRusso helps students learn to plot course using paper navigation charts. Photo by Laurie Harris

area. Geography, tides and other factors that will influence boaters navigating in these waters are thoroughly discussed. Aerial photos are used extensively in this course to aid boaters in knowing where to go... and where not to go. Six routes into the 10,000 Islands are reviewed in the class. This course is recommended for intermediate boaters and above.

January 24 9am - 12:30pm
February 21 9am - 12:30pm
March 14 9am - 12:30pm
October 31 9am - 12:30pm

Suddenly In Command

This course is a full-day program that includes classroom and on-the-water instruction. It is designed for "First Mates" or boaters who someday may find themselves "Suddenly in Command" of a vessel. Do you know how to use the radio to get help? Do you know how to read your position and report it? Do you know how to operate your boat? If not...this course may be for you. All attendees will operate a boat during this course and become familiar with the use of the VHF radio, GPS and safety equipment.

February 23 - March 30 - November 9

For additional information and registration, please call 239-384-7416 or email Joe Riccio: flotilla95fsope@gmail.com



Shop for a Cause at Kathein Jewelers

On January 27th Kathein Jewelers (formerly known as Golden Gate Jewelers) will host its second annual fundraiser for the Marco Island chapter of the American Cancer Society in its beautiful store in the Shops of Marco.

With an all day Open House, a trunk show by Tresor and reception from 3-7pm (with light bites and wine) there promises to be plenty of glitz, glamour and giving - the theme of this year's American Cancer Society Marco Island gala.

And, best of all, 25% of every purchase (excluding pre-owned watches and large diamonds) will be donated to the American Cancer Society, so you can shop secure in the knowledge that by treating yourself or loved ones you are also helping the most worthy of causes.

To learn more about this exciting event stop by the store and chat with the Kathein family... mother and father Annelie and Amir, who founded Kathein Jewelers 34 years ago in Fort Lauderdale, their son, Ari, who is the store's GIA Graduate Gemologist and their daughter, Avital Kathein, who has a flair for jewelry design and handles the marketing and philanthropy aspect of their business.



The Kathein family had been visiting Marco Island for 30 years when they achieved their life long dream of opening a second store here almost three years ago. They quickly became involved with the Marco Island Chapter of the American Cancer Society and other non-profits on the island.

Originally calling themselves Golden Gate Jewelers, they have recently decided to adopt the family name and officially became Kathein Jewelers of Marco in the fall of last year.



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Vitamins only. 394-8361
www.summerdaymarket.com

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10% off coffee & smoothie bar
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RETAIL STORES

APPAREL/JEWELRY

Alvin's Island – www.alvinsisland.com
Card should always be presented at point of sale, 581 S Collier Blvd, 389-0600

Beach Unlimited
1001 N Collier Blvd, 642-4888

Butterfly Beach, Esplanade
www.butterflybeachmarco.com
760 N Collier Blvd #103, 394-0837

Georgie's & the Shoe Resort
www.georgiesshoeresort.com
Town Center Mall, 394-2621

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394-2511

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www.chinaroseflorist.com

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Town Center, 642-7366
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666 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-0099

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www.easystreetmoving.com

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www.dolphin-study.com

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The Marco Island Recycling Center is located at 990 Chalmer Drive. It is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 to 11:00 am and noon to 4:30 pm. Please do not leave any items outside the fence.

For further information, please visit www.colliergov.net/recycle or call (239) 252-2508.

BEACH CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4th, 8 am

City of Marco Island clean-up at South Beach,
sponsored by The Marco Island Women's Club

Saturday, February 18th, 8 am

City of Marco Island clean-up at South Beach,
sponsored by Marco Island Sail & Power Squadron

Saturday, March 18th, 8 am

City of Marco Island clean-up at South Beach,
sponsored by Julio's Pest Control

Saturday, April 8th, 8 am

Tigertail Beach, Bay Days *organized by Friends of Tigertail*

Saturday, May 13th, 8 am

City of Marco Island clean-up at South Beach,
sponsored by Publix

Publix supplies gloves, water and trashbags; MICA supplies the beach vehicle to haul trash to the dumpster. Leadership Marco supplies buckets and picker-uppers.





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Sunday, March 19th, 4pm



Foreman's 5 Band
Sunday, April 23rd, 4:30pm

Please bring your Residents' Beach ID card to gain entrance to all events