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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mark your calendars!

Save These Dates (with more to come!)

Friday, November 16, 6pm

Jet Set in Concert - Residents' Beach

Tuesday, January 8, 6pm

MICA's City Council Candidates Night - Police Department

Sunday, December 23, 3pm

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

Friday, February 15, 5pm

Music of Marco Big Band - Residents' Beach

President's letter

by Kathy Sullivan

Another "season" is fast approaching.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marco Island Civic Association

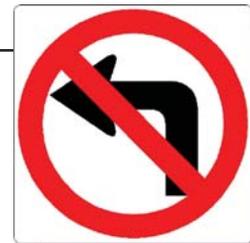
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Please take note:

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

Get Out and Vote

by Cyndi Young, Education Coordinator, Collier County Election Office

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Marco Island Police Department
Marco Island Princess
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Keep Marco Beautiful!

by Linda Shockley

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

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



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

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

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

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



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ArtQuest 2008

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

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

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



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

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

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

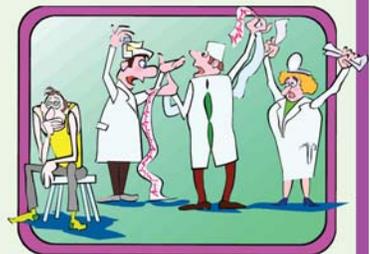
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February 26, 2008
March 25, 2008
April 8, 2008





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Frequently Asked Questions about Residents' Beach

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Q – *How do those renting on Marco Island use the Residents' Beach?*

A – If renting for a minimum of one month, a renter may purchase a walk-on pass. If renting for a minimum of two months, a renter may purchase a membership that includes parking privileges. Both applications are available at the MICA office and must be submitted with a copy of the lease agreement, photo ID and fee.

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

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Residents' Beach Memories

by Ruth McCann

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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News from Your Collier County Commissioner

by Commissioner Donna Fiala

The design of the median landscaping for Collier Boulevard, north of the Jolley Bridge, is underway. The landscape design costs were funded by Collier County and the landscape construction costs will be funded by a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) grant that the county applied for and achieved in the amount of \$448,100. The landscape design will be coordinated with FDOT to assure that the landscaping does not interfere with any future construction on the Jolley Bridge. FDOT has advised that we may commence the landscaping 1000 feet north of the bridge. The landscape project limits are approximately 1000 feet north of the bridge for 1.4 miles north along Collier Boulevard. There will be a remaining 0.5 miles of grassy median before reaching the Hammock Bay landscaping on Collier Boulevard and the approximate cost to landscape this additional area is \$160,000.

I have begun talks with Marco Island City Council to request the city apply for a grant to finish the job completely to Hammock Bay. We'll work closely together. The landscape construction is scheduled to commence April 2009.

The Hideaway Beach beach renourishment issue will be coming

back to the County shortly.

When the job was originally approved, it was for the county to install T-groins along the shoreline and Hideaway would pay for the sand. At the time of approval, it was stated for "one time only."

The T-groins were installed where the engineers thought they were needed, leaving a large area protected by Coconut Island and without T-groins. Who would ever suspect that Hurricane Wilma would obliterate the island altogether?

Since that time, the beach has eroded badly and rapidly. Now Hideaway is asking the County to complete the job not included the first time. I have a few zealous people in North Naples who are enraged that I am even asking the TDC to complete the job.

They said one time only, no more. Well, for goodness sake... who would have ever expected Coconut Island to vanish? I feel the County needs to step up to the plate and get the job done. Hideaway is now hosting many beachgoers and boaters (rather than a completely private beach) and that is what the TDC funds are for.

It will be a fight, that's for sure. I plan to win. Stay tuned.

I attended a meeting the other night sponsored by a consortium hoping to build retail and residential along the

951/U.S.41 corridor. To this point, they have been denied approval to move forward because of traffic congestion. The roads just cannot accommodate any more traffic (this is called concurrency). These 12 developers have formed a group to work with the County Transportation Department to solve the problem, so they can move forward. The plan was presented to the audience for information and comments. It's a \$42 million fix, which will include completely redesigning the 951/ U.S. 41 intersection and widening the two lane section of U.S.41 East to six lanes for a distance, then drop down to four lanes to the end of their project. It's a very ambitious project with many dollars, permits and time involved, but they recognize the potential in that area and are pressing forward. Those involved include Kite Realty, who develops for companies such as Lowe's and Super Target. They can't say at this time who they are actually negotiating with, but they know the business that can be generated from Marco Island, Isles of Capri, Fiddler's Creek, Lely Resort, Treviso Bay, and more.

I just wanted you to know there is earnest conversation going on that will, hopefully, benefit all of us, bringing more retail and restaurants to the area. I'll keep you updated as I hear more.

District Droplets – Water Reuse Primer

Submitted by South Florida Water Management District/Big Cypress Basin



Growth Increases Demand

Southwest Florida is one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, so subsequent water demand is also expected to continue growing. The demand for urban and agricultural water uses is projected to increase significantly over the next 20 years in the South Florida Water Management District. These water demands need to be met without causing harm to our environment and water resources. Within this region, every day, each person uses about 175 gallons of water! That's twice the national average. About half of that total is used outside the home, often wastefully, to maintain landscapes.

Water Reuse is a common-sense way to offset potable water use and accommodate the water demands of a growing South Florida economy. More than 100 water reuse systems throughout South Florida currently produce more than 230 million gallons of reclaimed water each day – the equivalent of nearly 15,000 residential swimming pools. This water is used to irrigate hundreds of golf courses and thousands of residential lots as well as to provide environmental enhancement and recharge of regional water resources across the District's 16 counties.

Water Reuse

Water reuse plays an important role in water resource, wastewater, and ecosystem management in Florida. It reduces demands on valuable surface and ground water, sources used for drinking water. Reclaimed water also reduces discharges to surface waters, recharges ground water and postpones costly investment for development of new water sources and supplies. Water reuse has allowed some communities to continue to grow where the availability of historically used freshwater sources has become extremely limited.

In collaboration with Florida Governor Charlie Crist, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) proclaimed September 9-15 **Water Reuse Week** in South Florida. Water reuse is an integral part of the District's water conservation program and a vital alternative source of water for the State of Florida. Currently, Florida leads the nation by reusing 660 million gallons of reclaimed water each day to conserve freshwater supplies and replenish our rivers, streams, lakes and aquifers, according to the Florida

Department of Environmental Protection.

Southwest Florida has led the state in implementing water reuse programs. All of Collier County's municipal utilities (Collier County, City of Naples, City of Marco Island, City of Everglades City) have water reuse programs. These Reuse lines easily identified given their purple color.

Reuse 101

Water reuse involves taking domestic wastewater, giving it a high degree of treatment, and using the resulting high-quality reclaimed water for a new, beneficial purpose. The resulting water is called reclaimed water. Extensive treatment and disinfection ensure that public health and environmental quality are protected. Reclaimed water can be used for many purposes including:

- Irrigation of golf courses, parks, residential properties, highway medians and other landscaped areas (even the Naples Zoo uses reclaimed water)
- Urban uses such as toilet flushing, car washing, dust control and aesthetic purposes (i.e. decorative lakes, ponds, and fountains)

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The Impossible Dream

by George R. Abounader, M.Ed., Principal, Marco Island Charter Middle School

With the 2007-08 school year, Marco Island Charter Middle School (MICMS) has begun its tenth year of delivering educational service to public, middle school age students.

At this ten year anniversary reflecting on some of the school's successes is appropriate. MICMS enjoys a wonderful academic reputation. Not only has the school consistently earned a grade "A," but it also has achieved "Annual Yearly Progress" (AYP), which is the federal government's "No Child Left Behind" program complete with 35 criteria.

A dedicated faculty and staff, an open-minded student body, and a challenging curriculum move the school toward these sterling academic achievements.

Another major accomplishment of our school, of which the entire community can be proud, is the brand new \$18 million facility that houses the superb and hard working faculty, staff and students. This new facility was built by a partnership between the District School Board of Collier County and MICMS. The school contributed approximately \$800,000 towards the project. This is the first time in the history of the State of Florida that a local school district has financed the building of a school facility for the exclusive use of a public charter school.

This new facility consists of a

two story building that houses the academic program and a single story building that houses the gymnasium, chorus, band, art classrooms, skills lab, multi-purpose room and TV studio. The campus is wireless and contains state-of-the-art technology equipped with document cameras, an enhanced audio system in each classroom that projects teachers' voices through speakers, computers, mimeo boards, technology porches, DVD players, LCD projectors, etc.

Moreover, the campus has a somewhat transparent security system with a single point of access. The public can enter the main lobby but can only reach the 400 students, all of whom are beyond a glass wall, by signing in and getting buzzed through the double doors by a staff member.

Once into the body of the school, security cameras, which are inconspicuously placed, silently watch. The hallways contain no visual obstructions, allowing staff to stand at one end of the long hallway and observe all the way down to the other end. Key exterior doors have magnet locks that allow these doors to be locked and opened automatically when the bell that signals the end and beginning of each period rings.

How do these magnificent successes materialize? Our local School Board members, all of

whom are islanders, legislate policy and are responsible for the finances of the school. They are ultimately the driving force behind these successes. The School Board would be the first to admit, however, that they can discharge their duties only with the help and support of the local community.

Parents contribute thousands of hours of service and thousands of dollars every year. The YMCA has provided their facilities and staff to the school since the school's inception at no charge. The Rotary Clubs have donated almost \$100,000 over the past 10 years and Kiwanis has contributed approximately \$65,000 in the last decade. The Chamber of Commerce, many local businesses and community members have heard our pleas for assistance on various occasions and responded generously.

MICMS is a success because of our community, and we thank you for sustaining the life of our school. When the school announces its dedication during this semester, please join us in celebrating this success story.



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2007 MICA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

1. How would you rate the performance of the MICA Board of Directors?	Excellent -811	Good-1244	Fair- 149	Poor-28
2. How would you rate the MICAWAVE?	Excellent -836	Good-1274	Fair- 80	Poor- 5
3. In the past the City of Marco Island has granted additional density (additional living units per acre) to developers in exchange for one of the following items: traffic light at intersection, public walkway along bayfront property, 15 ft wide pathway to beach, funds toward road improvement. Should the city continue this policy?		<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Undecided</i>
		288	1989	165
4. Under what conditions should the city grant additional density, if at all? *Not at all - 2276				
5. Do you favor the granting of variances that could have the result of increasing population density?		124	2376	58
6. Do you favor changing zoning from commercial to mixed use (commercial on first floor, living units on upper floors) which could have the result of increasing population density?		249	2188	95
7. Do you support City Council rezoning property for a use other than what is permitted and which is inconsistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map?		89	2286	125
8. Should commercial development be permitted on single-family residential zoned lots?		33	2473	49
9. Should the city insist that as older condominiums on Collier Boulevard are redeveloped that new construction not permit a canyon effect along Collier Blvd?		1920	391	133
10. Should public access walkways to the beach be closed after dark?		1214	1083	183
11. Do you favor a toll on the Jolley Bridge to facilitate the completion of a second bridge at an earlier than anticipated date?		435	1874	129
12. Should the City rezone Tract K (aka School Site) from "residential single family- 4 units/acre" to "public/community use?"		1345	790	418
13. Are you in favor of a city ordinance that would restrict rentals of single-family homes to a 30 day minimum?		1194	1226	135
14. Should the city provide additional bike paths?		1550	634	208
15. Should the City establish a canal/waterway maintenance program?		1423	567	380
16. Do you favor additional medical and hospital facilities on Marco Island?		1677	568	201
17. If a Continuing Care Retirement Community is constructed on Marco Island, when do you envision yourself entering it:				
	Never -1341	Independent Living-164	Assisted Living-428	Skilled Nursing -72
18. If you required a skilled nursing facility at some point in your life, how important is it that it be on Marco?			Very important-892	Not important-1480
19. If you required assisted living, how important is it that it be on Marco?			Very important-742	Not important-1378
20. When should Veterans Park (the Glon property) be developed?				
	Immediately-564	2 years-536	5 years-551	10 years or longer-508
Please rate the performance of the following:				
21. Marco Island City Council	Excellent- 186	Good-680	Fair-619	Poor-742
22. Marco Island Planning Board	Excellent- 144	Good-715	Fair-587	Poor-527
23. Marco Island City Manager	Excellent- 262	Good-723	Fair-518	Poor-687
24. Marco Island Fire Department	Excellent- 1129	Good-920	Fair-166	Poor- 23
25. Marco Island Police Department	Excellent- 943	Good-881	Fair-290	Poor- 84
26. Marco Island Code Enforcement Department	Excellent- 214	Good-903	Fair-615	Poor-335

* 96% of the responses were "not at all." A very small number of respondents cautioned that if a variance were to be granted, it would have to be done with close scrutiny paid to all details & should only be granted when an immense benefit was given to all the residents, such as a hospital facility, affordable housing construction, or an improved park.

7,166 surveys were mailed to members and 2,637 were returned to MICA.

Thank you all for your participation.

Where Are Those Pesky Sandbars?

And Other Important Boating Questions Answered!

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 95, has been offering boating education programs on Marco Island for 40 years. The mission of the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety Program is to minimize the loss of life, personal injury, property damage and negative environmental impact associated with the use of recreational boats through preventive means.

Flotilla 95 is making the programs below available to the boating public. To sign up for a program or to receive additional information on any of the courses, please contact Doug Johnson, Staff Officer for Public Education at 642-8406. Classes are offered at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station in Caxambas Park and pre-registration is required.

Boating Skills & Seamanship Course (BS&S) - Oct 22-Nov 15.

This course runs for four weeks and meets every Monday and Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. This course covers: Florida Boating Laws; legal requirements for your boat; tips on how to handle a boat; navigation rules you must follow when operating a boat; how to read a chart and plot a course; common knots, bend and hitches used by boaters; weather patterns and how to read the signs of impending bad weather; and proper use of the marine radio.

GPS - October 23 & 30.

This class runs for two consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Navigation Basic and Advanced Coastal Navigational Courses are offered based on demonstrated need.

Hurricanes and Your Boat

This program has been developed to help you protect your boat in a hurricane. Please refer to our website, a0700905.uscgaux.info, for a free copy of the brochure, "Your Boat and Hurricanes in Collier County." This program will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Local Knowledge – November 6 & December 3.

This new program was developed at the request of local boaters who want to know more about the various waterways in and around Marco Island and the Ten Thousand Islands. Find out where the sandbars are!

Weather

This unique course is a must for boaters in the Marco Island area as it will help you decide if today is a good boating day and how to read the signs of impending bad weather.

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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

Adam Peters Construction Inc. Fine Finish Carpentry

10% off any crown molding job over \$1,000
www.adampetersconstruction.com
207-7650

Airboat Experience

Base of Goodland Bridge, 642-3141

Always There Home Health Care

After first month of service, deduct 5% discount on weekly billing. Not to be combined with other offers.
317 N Collier Blvd #201, 389-0170

Angelica's Boutique

Latest fashion in clothing & accessories including handbags, costume jewelry, shawls, sunglasses, belts, etc. Your styles at your price!
681 S Collier Blvd. 394-6632

Dr. Constance Aria

Licensed Psychologist
997 N Collier Blvd, Suite D
Royal Palm Mall, 394-5599

Autocraft

5% off non-insurance repairs
Present card prior to estimate being prepared
754 Elkcam Circle, 642-5309

Avon by Judy & Lucinda

10% Discount, 642-0297

Bayview Restaurant

Good at Bayview only, not at "The Bar at the Esplanade" - The Esplanade
740 N Collier Blvd, 389-4511

Beachworks

10% off excluding sale items
Marco Town Center Mall,
642-7777

Beach Unlimited

1001 N Collier Blvd, 642-4888

Blue Marlin Marine Construction

10% off seawall inspections
418 S Barfield Drive, Suite A,
642-4284

The Body Shop at Home

Pamela Broad, Independent Coordinator.
We bring the store to your door! Free make-up lesson when you purchase \$75 or more.
800-472-6082 or 394-7977

Jeffrey M. Bogan Insurance Agency, Inc.

15% off annual premium for long term care
261-6533

Cache Dry Cleaners

666 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-0099

Cedar Bay Marina

10% off boat rentals & .10/gal off fuel
705 E Elkcam Circle, 394-9333

China Rose Florist

10% off fresh flowers,
excluding out-of-town orders
678 Bald Eagle Drive, 642-6663

Cold Stone Ice Cream

\$1 off purchase or \$3 off ice cream cake
Esplanade, 111 N Collier Blvd, 393-0046

Connie's Art Workshop & Gallery

10% off prints, photo to program & custom framing. 953 N. Collier Blvd, 389-2500

Critter Cafe

10% off all goods excluding dog & cat food
810 Bald Eagle Drive, 389-8488

Crystal Blue Pools

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799 E Elkcam Circle, 394-8240

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1763 San Marco Road, 642-7222

Easy Street Moving

10% off total billing. 248-4136

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

10% off daily & weekly rates
Across from Texaco
717 Bald Eagle Drive #1C,
642-4488

Fabulous Faux Finishes

394-5747 or 537-1879

Fussy Fraulein, Inc

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394-0562

GNC, General Nutrition Center

Shops of Marco, 642-3336

Georgie's & the Shoe Resort

Town Center Mall, 394-2621

Great Garage Doors

10% off torsion spring repairs
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Gulf American Marine Inc.

10% off parts
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10% off all services. 642-1005

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10% off all crib rentals
394-6349 or 1-800-472-4064

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151 S Barfield Dr, 642-5220

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Specializing in sterling silver & gold
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10% discount on overnight jobs, 272-1659

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JetSet Surf Shop

10% off everything except hardgoods
674 Bald Eagle Drive, 394-5544

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Joey's Pizza & Pasta House

10% off entree items. Dine in Only
257 N Collier Boulevard, 389-2433

Kahuna Sailing Catamaran

10% off all trips, including Dolphin Explorer & Sailing Club & school.
1081 Bald Eagle Drive, 642-7704

Konrad's Restaurant

Marco Walk, 642-3332

La Casita Restaurant

1817 San Marco Road, 642-7600

Laminate & Exotic Wood Floors of Naples

10% off hardwood flooring material
2348 J&C Blvd, Naples, 598-0913

Little Caesar's Pizza

10% discount off regular menu prices
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Lotus Blossom Feng Shui Designs

10% discount on first consultation
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Maintain Domain, etc.

Joan Jennings, 394-1971

Marco Community Bank

1770 San Marco Road, 389-5200

Marco Dental Care

Fred Eck, DDS - 10% off all non-surgical procedures. Free bleaching with new patient exam, xrays and cleaning at regular price.
950 N. Collier Blvd. 389-9400

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Special discounts vary from product to product. 1711 San Marco Road, 394-1171

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Marco River Marina, 642-5415

Marco Island Ski & Watersports, Inc

10% off their water sports activities at the Marriott & Hilton Hotels, 394-4344

Marco Pool & Tropical Island Pools

New customers: 5% off monthly pool service for six months
537-3039

Marco Island Small Engine

10% off parts
47 Front Street #6, 389-0200

Marco River Marina

10% off retail goods-excluding sale items & fuel
951 Bald Eagle Drive, 394-2502

Marco Tanning Salon, Inc.

20% off all products
1000 N Collier Blvd #13B, 642-3646

Marco Upholstery

10% off cornices & headboards, not to be used with any other offers
919 N Collier Blvd, 394-8338

Margie's

Please present at time of purchase
137 South Barfield Drive
Shops of Marco, 389-4224

Mobile Tactics

20% off CCW & other private classes, by appointment
555 E Elkcam Circle, 866-662-4400

Ne Ne's Kitchen

10% off breakfast & lunch, dine-in only
356 North Collier Blvd, 394-3854

Nikken

10% off retail wellness products
651 S Collier Boulevard, 394-1580

Optical Boutique of Marco

Marco Walk #309, 642-4776

Chet Palys Screens

PO Box 801, Marco, 394-0310

Polished Performance

10% off initial service
Property mgmt; residential/commercial cleaning; home/condo monitoring; concierge services, 304-6350

Porky's Last Stand

701 Bald Eagle Drive, 394-8727

Prime Outlets

Discount pack at Management Office
1722 Isle of Capri Rd, Naples, 775-8083

Radio Shack

10% off any item in store
1000 N Collier Blvd, 394-5888

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1215 Bald Eagle Drive, 394-3313

Something Olde Something New

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Southern Comfort Air

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900 S Collier Blvd, 389-0509

Sunshine Books

10% off hardback books
1000 N. Collier Blvd. 394-5343
677 S. Collier Blvd. 393-0353

Surf & Sand/Sweetwaters/Crosswinds

New Retail Shops at Marco Island Marriott
400 S Collier Blvd, 389-6051

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247 N Collier Blvd 389-1868
4776 Radio Rd, Naples 417-2742

Two By Faux Finishes

10% off master bathroom color wash
272-3090

Vantastic Tours

10% off up to 2 children's fares when each child is accompanied by an adult. 394-7699

Vergina Marco Restaurant

The Esplanade, 760 N Collier Blvd, 394-9822

Walkers Marine

Parts & service discounted 10% to customers in Walkers Marine computer
785 Bald Eagle Drive, 642-6764

Weinerdog Kids Toys

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1089 N. Collier Blvd, Town Center
www.wd-toys.com 389-0966

Discounts are only valid when card is shown at time of purchase.

Introducing *511

The Florida Department of Transportation's (DOT) free Southwest Florida 511 travel information service debuted April 11, 2007. Southwest Florida 511 is Florida's fifth regional traffic and travel system and the 34th to go online in the United States. The new Southwest Florida 511 travel information service provides free, real-time traffic information for 29 roadways in Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. When Southwest Florida motorists dial 511, they automatically connect to Florida's statewide service. To reach Southwest Florida's regional service, they say "Southwest Florida 511." From there, they can ask for "highways," "airport," "public transit" or

"other 511 systems." The State-wide 511 service provides travel information for all interstate highways in Florida and Florida's Turnpike, with the emphasis on roadway conditions, severe weather alerts, construction updates, lane closures or other major incidents. It also connects callers to Florida's four other regional 511 services in Northeast Florida, Central Florida, Tampa Bay and Southeast Florida. Travelers can plan ahead and call 511 on their landline or cell phone. Traffic information is available 24 hours a day and it's free. Standard cell phone minutes and roaming charges may apply. Travelers can also visit www.SouthwestFlorida511.com.

Evacuation plans should include 511

When hurricanes and other severe weather threaten Florida, area residents and visitors can make Southwest Florida's new 511 travel information service part of their evacuation plan. Evacuation updates will include information about toll suspensions if they occur. Floridians should assemble a disaster supply kit before they need it. Kits should include first aid supplies and essential medication, at least three gallons of water per person, a battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries. When it's time to evacuate, people should load emergency supplies into their vehicles and call 511.

Foundation Formed to Benefit Marco Firefighters

Marco Island firefighters and their families were honored on September 20 at the inaugural Marco Fire Rescue Foundation Luncheon, and by no less than the Lt. Governor of the State of Florida. The Lt. Governor gave the keynote address at the Marco Island Country Club honoring those individuals who have committed themselves to serving their communities throughout the State of Florida.

The new Marco Fire Rescue

Foundation was formed with the assistance of the Marco Community Bank and its advisory board as a way to give back to the community and those that serve it. Howard Montgomery, President of the Marco Community Bank was honored for his efforts by the presentation of a ceremonial fire axe by Fire Chief Mike Murphy.

The event was a sell out with over 165 individuals and businesses in attendance to honor



Marco's bravest.

Also featured at the event was a brand new Bourget custom motorcycle which will be raffled off to benefit the new foundation. Only 750 tickets will be sold for only \$75 each to win the bike and trailer worth \$60,000. Tickets are available at the Marco Community Bank or at the Marco Fire Department. The winning ticket will be pulled at Stan's on Goodland, November 11, at 2pm.

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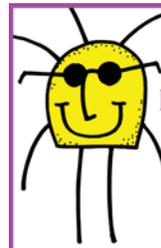
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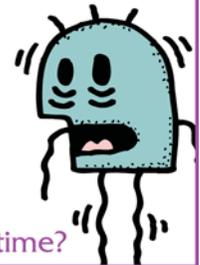
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It takes four muscles to smile

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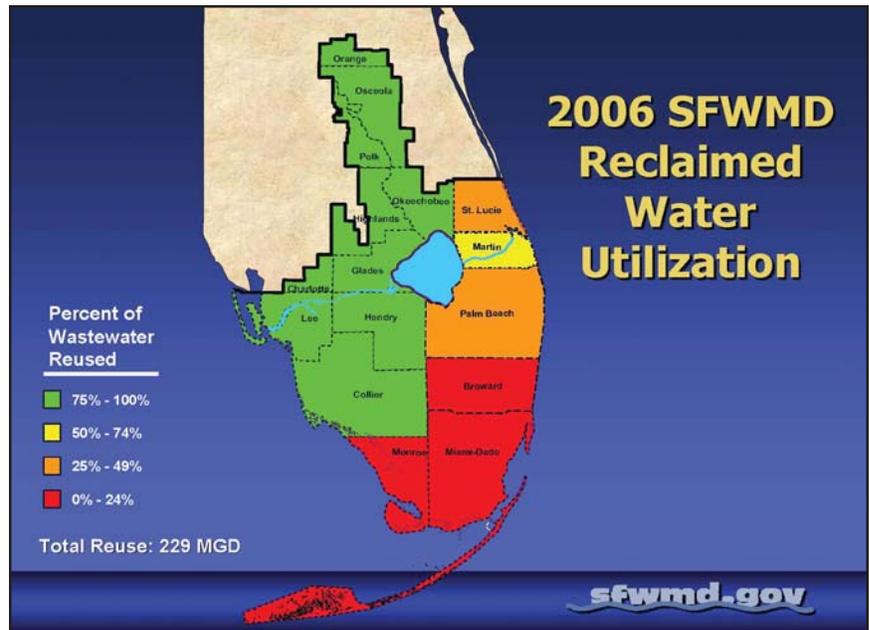
District Droplets
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- Agricultural uses such as irrigation of edible food crops such as, citrus, corn, and soybeans; other crops such as, pasture lands, grasslands, and other feed and fodder crops; and irrigation at nurseries
- Wetlands creation, restoration and enhancement
- Recharging ground water with the use of rapid infiltration basins (percolation ponds), absorption fields and direct injection to ground waters
- Augmentation of surface waters that are used for drinking water supplies
- Industrial uses including plant wash down, processing water and cooling water purposes

Continuous monitoring of the reclaimed water is required and ensures excellent water quality for protection of the public and the environment. The Florida Department of Health has stated a reuse facility designed, constructed and operated in accordance with applicable rules poses no threat to public health. The use of reclaimed water has increased significantly throughout the nation, state and district for all types of uses.

Partnering with the Community

Our conservation program strives to improve management of traditional supplies and encourage development of alternative or diverse water



supply sources, in addition to improving efficiency of water use. This includes reclaimed water for reuse, use of brackish water sources, wastewater recycling, recharge, and aquifer storage and recovery. We improve water use efficiency by funding technology-based conservation projects.

The District provides funding to help utilities,

homeowners associations, local governments and community based/non-profit organizations save water. Through the Alternative Water Supply Grant Program, the Water Savings Incentive Program (WaterSIP) and the Mobile Irrigation Labs (MILs), the District assists local programs that save or create water.



Sgt. Andres Lazo, pictured with his Unit VMU-2 in Iraq. Good news... Sgt Lazo has since returned safely to U.S. soil.

What Else Did You Have to Say?

Many of you sent in additional comments when you returned your MICA Membership Survey - here are a few examples:

- Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions of our dear Marco Island. My family has spent many years on Marco with many happy times. Please continue your wonderful work and keep Marco safe! Thank you, 30 year owner and MICA member.
- We don't need a "larger" bridge! Just make sure it is a "safer" bridge. Amen!
- Do not want additional medical facilities, only want what we have improved: Marco Healthcare staffed and with more hours, etc.
- Mixed use development only works because the commercial properties are now sitting empty.
- Do you favor a toll on the Jolley Bridge? NO, NO, NO, NO.
- Your questions are slanted, especially number 3.
- Go back to the 24 hour availability at Marco Healthcare Center.
- The island needs a park that allows dogs. Having a pet improves a person's health.

A Man and His Ring - Reunited

It's a deep pit in your stomach that you feel when you realize just a few months after your wedding ceremony that you have lost your wedding band.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what happened to newlyweds Emily and Brian Kazynski. After spending a day at the Residents' Beach with his in-laws, Stephen and Sherry Spargo, and other family members, Brian suddenly noticed that his wedding band had slipped from his finger!

Of course, the story does not end there. Thankfully, a good samaritan found the wedding band in the sand and turned it into the Marco Island Civic Association. The Kazynskis had alerted the MICA office of their loss, and we were thrilled to be able to return the ring to the newlyweds.

Now that's a happy ending and maybe an entry into "My Most Memorable Day at Residents' Beach" contest!

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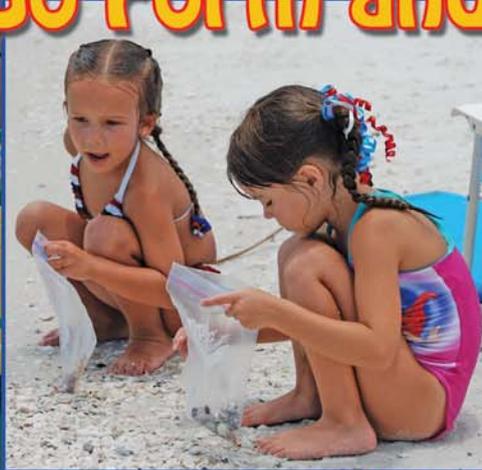
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**Across from the Hilton,
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**MICA's 2007 July 4th Celebration
at Residents' Beach**



See Page 23 for more photos



The Kiwanis Club of Marco

invite you to an evening of outstanding music,
delicious food & tons of fun!

2007/2008 Officers Induction Dinner Dance

Marco Island Yacht Club
Saturday October 27, 6-10:30pm
\$60 per person

with entertainment by **Joey Fiato**

For more information contact
Roger Reinke - 825-0519 or Phil Egizio 394-4929

Do you Know an Outstanding Humanitarian?

Someone who goes out of his or her way to help others in need? Someone who sacrifices his or her time to assist individuals less fortunate? The MICA Board of Directors would like to know about this person. Each January one individual is named "MICA's Humanitarian of the Year" and the board is presently assembling names of Marco Island residents who exemplify the unique qualities associated with a humanitarian. Please call us at 239-642-7778 or write to 1770 San Marco Road #204, Marco Island, FL 34145, with your suggestion.

City of Marco Island Movies in the Park

Friday, October 19 Casper
Friday, November 9 Shrek the Third
Friday, December 14 Elf

Movies will begin shortly after sunset at Mackle Park.
Please call the Parks & Recreation Department for details 642-0575.
Bring blanket & chair. Popcorn & soda are available for purchase.
No alcoholic beverages are permitted.

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MICA'S MEMBERS ONLY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!



Concert by **THE CORNELL CENTER**

COASTERS

Hits Include: "Yakety Yak" "Poison Ivy" "Charlie Brown"

Sunday, December 23, 3pm at Residents' Beach

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