It is hard to believe that another season is approaching. We look forward to a bustling fall/winter season on Marco Island!

You may have noticed that your Residents’ Beach membership application was emailed to you this year. In an effort to cut down on expenses, you will see more emails from MICA. Please remember to keep MICA advised of any change to your email address and to add the following to your address book: rmccann@marcocivic.com.

MICA also recently emailed a water rate survey to members. The results are shown on page 5. City Council has been discussing the issue for quite some time and by MICA surveying the membership in this manner, we were able to supply the results to the City Council and staff. MICA has mailed annual surveys to the membership for more than 20 years, but the water rate survey was our first attempt at surveying via email. It worked so well and quickly that when important topics arise, you may receive a short survey from us from time to time.

MICA’s website has received a makeover, so please check it out at www.marcocivic.com. The new site enables members to pay for their membership and guest passes using PayPal.

The next time you go to Residents’ Beach, and please make it soon, take notice of the brand new umbrella chickees on the beach. Due to suggestions from members, the chickees were expanded from 8 feet to approximately 11 feet. Now you can sit side by side your honey! At the same time, the umbrella chickees and the picnic chickees in the grassy area were also covered with netting in order to protect them from strong winds.

For those of you who have not returned to Marco Island yet, you will be happy to hear that the construction on the new Jolley Bridge is complete and the main approach to Marco Island is now looking wonderful just in time for a busy new season.

Everyone is raving about the excellent food and atmosphere at Paradise Grill at Residents’ Beach. Cindy and her crew now have one year under their belts and things are better than ever! With the humidity dropping, sitting outside for a leisurely breakfast or lunch is such a treat. The next time you are considering where to have a salad or sandwich, think of Paradise Grill. I promise that you will be delighted!
Missing Pauline

By Ruth McCann

Pauline Tilton, an integral member of the MICA team, will be missed by many on Marco Island and in the Boston area. A shock to all, Pauline passed away on September 19, 2011, much too early. Originally from Boston, Pauline was a Registered Nurse, last working at Framingham Union Hospital. Her husband, Don, worked at Logan International Airport with the U.S. Customs Service. They had two children who still reside in the Boston area, Kristine and Donny, along with Donny’s wife, Deanna.

Fourteen years ago, Don retired from the US Customs Service, and together they embarked on a life-long dream of retirement in Florida. They purchased a piece of land on Marco Island and built their dream home. Once their home was constructed and beautifully furnished, Pauline looked for something to keep her busy a couple of days a week and that’s when she found MICA. She began to work at the Residents’ Beach gatehouse. In 2001 she moved over to the MICA office, working with the members of MICA and Residents’ Beach on a part-time basis. If you stopped by the office over the last ten years, you would have seen Pauline working on Thursdays and Fridays.

Working in close quarters (and on a small island!), you really get to know the people you work with. Pauline was always very honest and caring, often bringing a prepared lunch into the office for everyone or inviting us to Friday night “snacks” on the Tilton’s lanai. We truly enjoyed spending time with Pauline and will miss her friendship and the laughs we all enjoyed together.

The Marco Island Civic Association wishes to acknowledge the following businesses for supplying prizes on July Fourth for the games and sandcastle contest!

We appreciate your kindness and support.

- Marco Island Eagle
- Arturo’s Restaurant
- ASE Telecom
- CJ’s on the Bay
- Coldstone Creamery
- Iberia Bank
- Kretch’s Restaurant
- Marco Island Princess
- Maria Elena’s Salon
- Quinn’s at the Marriott Hotel
- McDonald’s
- Mutual of Omaha Bank
- Paradise Grill at Residents’ Beach
- Philly Grill
- Pinch a Penny Pool Supplies
- SandBar
- Snook Inn
- Subway
- Sunshine Book Sellers
- Vic’s Island Pizza
- West Marine
Operation Medicine Cabinet Event

Do you or any of your loved ones have outdated or unused medicines? The Marco Island Police Department and Drug Free Collier are collaborating with the community to proactively address the issues related to the improper disposal of prescription drugs, and would like to invite you to join us for another Operation Medicine Cabinet event on November 12, from 10am to 2pm at the CVS Pharmacy, 676 Bald Eagle Drive on Marco Island.

Operation Medicine Cabinet provides members of the community a mechanism to dispose of outdated or unused prescription drugs in an environmentally safe and legal manner. Recent studies have revealed that many of the substances, including prescription medications, that have been disposed of through our water or landfill infrastructures are now showing up in our watersheds, streams, and lakes. Removing and disposing of these drugs properly is of paramount importance with respect to drug abuse, as it helps to keep prescription drugs out of the hands of unauthorized users. A recent report in the Los Angeles Times stated that drug abuse is now responsible for killing more Americans than vehicle crashes.

Operation Medicine Cabinet provides a convenient venue for properly disposing of expired and/or unused prescriptions at several different locations around Collier County. If you can’t join us on the 12th, there is a permanent Operation Medicine Cabinet drop box located in the lobby of the Marco Island Police Department, as well as drop off boxes at the Naples Police Department, Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Collier County Medical Examiners Office and other convenient locations (http://www.drugfreecollier.org/operation_medicine_cabinet.asp)

Marco Island Police Department’s participation in this program illustrates our strong commitment to keeping all of our citizens safer, protecting our youth from the harmful misuse of prescription drugs, understanding the needs of seniors, and the environmental implications related to the improper or unsafe disposal of medications.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011, 10am-2pm
CVS Pharmacy
676 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island 34145

A PRESCRIPTION FOR SAFE KIDS AND A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT

✓ DO
 Bring unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication to Marco Island Police Dept., Medication Drop-Off Box

✓ DO
 Lock up all medications and keep away from children and teens

✗ DON’T
 Flush medication down the toilet - it is a danger to our environment

✗ DON’T
 Bring needles or other “sharps” - they cannot be accepted

PERMANENT DROP-OFF SITES:
Marco Island Police Dept., 51 Bald Eagle Drive, Monday - Friday 8am-5pm

Marco Island Recycling Center (no controlled substances)
990 Chalmers Drive, Tuesday-Saturday 8:30am-4:30pm
MICA’s Water Utility Survey Results

For the last two years, the issue of Marco Island water utility rates has been a topic of discussion at numerous meetings of the Marco Island City Council, as well as the City’s ad hoc Utility Advisory Board. It is clear that water service and water rates will affect the future financial stability of our island.

The MICA Board of Directors asked the opinion of our members regarding this issue and the results are shown below.

Should Marco Island City Council make a decision resolving the water rate issue within the next 180 days (6 months)?

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Should your water utility bill be more detailed with explanations for charges?

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Would you be willing to pay for the addition of a separate water meter for irrigation and the associated plumbing cost to make that possible?

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The power to manage your electric bill is in your hands!

In today’s world everyone relies on technology more than ever. At the same time, we are all looking for ways to reduce our energy bill. Although LCEC hasn’t had a base rate increase in three years, your usage may continue to increase resulting in higher bills. LCEC has an online tool that allows you to view your daily energy usage. You can even receive alerts, through KiloWATCH, when usage reaches a threshold that you determine. It’s an easy approach to managing your electric bill in a way that fits your lifestyle. Understanding your energy habits and how weather affects your bill may just be the key to managing your bill and avoiding surprises.

Follow these easy steps to use the tool!
1. Visit www.lcec.net, click on “Account Access”
2. Enter your 10-digit Account Number and Social Security number or other ID
3. Click on “Continue”
4. Create a User ID
5. Click “Submit”

Once you have logged on, click the “View Daily Energy Usage” link on the left navigation pane. You can mouse over the green dots on the usage chart to display the kWh, dollar amount and date of usage. There is also a blue vertical line that displays the high temperature for the day. While you are there, you can sign up for kiloWATCH, set your usage threshold, and receive email or text notifications when you exceed usage.

For an online demonstration of kiloWATCH and other energy saving tips visit www.lcec.net.

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Drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1 to 14. About half of all drownings among children ages 1 to 4 occur in home pools and spas. Children younger than one most often drown in bathtubs, buckets or toilets.

The CPSC estimates each year about 300 children younger than 5 drown in swimming pools and spas and more than 3,000 that age go to hospital emergency rooms due to non-fatal submersion injuries. An unknown number of those hospitalized suffer permanent disability, including brain damage.

The CSPC also reports that 76 percent of the reported deaths and 79 percent of the ED-treated injuries involved children younger than 5.

More than two-thirds of children who drowned in a pool were last seen in the house. Barriers, such as isolation fencing, give parents precious time needed to overcome brief lapses in supervision.

**You Can Help**

You can play a vital role in preventing childhood drowning. Educate your friends, family and community - especially parents and child caregivers - about drowning hazards and best practices for protecting children. Encourage everyone to adopt and promote these crucial safety steps.

When children aren’t supposed to be in the pool, prevent access:

- Use barriers to prevent a child’s unsupervised access to pools and spas.
- Alarm all house doors and windows leading to the pool area.
- If a child is missing, check the pool area first.

When children are in or around water make sure they are safe:

- Provide constant, capable, adult supervision of children in and around all bodies of water.
- Learn water safety skills and know how to swim proficiently. Teach children water safety and swimming skills.
- Have reaching and throwing aids available to assist distressed swimmers.
- Learn to perform CPR with rescue breathing.
- Upgrade pool and spa drain covers to reduce the risk of entrapment.

**Join Our Mission**

The National Drowning Prevention Alliance is working with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to promote Pool Safety - a national public education campaign required by the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool & Spa Safety Act. NDPA members are people like you who are eager to save lives.

Please visit www.ndpa.org to:

- Become a member and join us in our life-saving mission.
- Download our position paper, Layers of Protection.
- Learn about our various committees and plan to get involved.

Please visit www.poolsafely.gov to:

- Learn about the requirements of the Pool & Spa Safety Act.
- Get a Pool Safely Ambassador Kit. (Public education material is available in English and Spanish.)
- See the Pool Safely educational video and public service announcements.
- Download fact sheets, fliers, brochures and other printed materials.
- Access children’s aquatic safety games and activities.
Florida’s Presidential Preference Primary

Florida’s Presidential Preference Primary Date Selection Committee has decided on January 31, 2012 as the date for the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Election.

As a closed primary state, only Florida voters who are registered Democrats or Republicans will be eligible to vote for their respective presidential candidate in the January 31 PPP Election. The Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office will be mailing registered voters a sample ballot indicating all eligible contests.

Registered voters wanting to change party affiliation must do so before the registration book closing on January 3, 2012.

To make a party affiliation change, a new voter registration application form is required and must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office on or before the January 3 registration book closing date.

Voter registration application forms are available at the Supervisor of Elections Office, driver license offices, public libraries, government satellite offices, recruitment offices of the armed forces, state agencies that provide public assistance, and any state agency providing service to disabled residents.

Online voter registration application forms, available at www.CollierVotes.com, must be printed, signed and returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

For more information visit www.CollierVotes.com or contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at (239) 252-8450.
9/11 Remembered

On the Tenth Anniversary of the 9/11/01 terror attacks Residents’ Beach members, Jason and Barbara Katz, laid a patriotic memorial flower arrangement at Residents’ Beach. They placed the beautiful red, white, and blue flowers on the bench which is dedicated to Michele Heidenberger.

Michele was a flight attendant onboard the plane that hit the Pentagon. Her spirit is embraced by her family and friends. To Michele

Marco Island was a very special place filled with many special friends, who in 2002 collected the funds to donate the bench in memory of her.

Marco Island’s Veterans Memorial

The dedication of Veterans Memorial on Marco Island will take place on November 11, 2011, which also happens to be Veterans Day! City Council Chairman Jerry Gibson will begin the dedication ceremony at 10:15 a.m. at Veterans Park along Elkcam Circle.

Guest Speaker for the event will be Major General James A. Guest, who has served our country for over 33 years and when he retired was Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Force, J-3, at MacDill Air Force Base. Major General Guest also earned numerous decorations, including the Silver Star and the Bronze Star Medals.

The City of Marco Island funded $60,000 and the Veterans Memorial Fundraising Committee raised over $175,000 by selling commemorative benches, flagpoles and engraved pavers. On behalf of the members of the Marco Island Civic Association a donation was made to sponsor a flagpole. Around the star in the center of the memorial are five medallions, one for each branch of the service. The Marine medallion has already been donated. However, the remaining four service medallions for the Army, Navy, Coast Guard and Air Force are still available for a $5,000 donation each.

Engraved pavers are available and on display at Mackle Park. There are three sizes: $100 for 4x8, $250 for 8x8, and $500 for 12x12.

Contact Patty Mastronardi, Parks and Recreation Department 239-389-5035, for more information.

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July 4th 2011 Beach Party!
New Animal Exhibit at Rookery Bay

Gopher tortoises Samuel and Poly have recently gone on exhibit at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. The native Florida species will inhabit a new outdoor exhibit along the entrance walkway to the center and will become part of the rotating Daily Programs educational activities offered at the facility.

Samuel, who is 17 years old, and Poly, whose age is undetermined, were “roadside rescues” who lived temporarily at the Shy Wolf Sanctuary. They have easily adapted to their new Rookery Bay home, digging burrows and exploring the native plants – including prickly pear cactus, fox grape, native grasses and saw palmetto – donated by Lowe’s, Naples Botanical Garden, Naples Preserve and The Bayer Family. Funding for the exhibit was provided in part by Buoy the Bottom Line, donors from the Friends of Rookery Bay’s 2010 Batfish Bash as well as the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, which manages Rookery Bay Reserve.

The gopher tortoise (Gopherus polyphemus), listed in Florida as a Threatened Species, has scaly, stumpy legs and sharp claws that help it dig. Tortoises often have multiple burrows that average 15 feet in length and sometimes go as deep as six feet. Tunnels lead to larger chambers where the air temperature and humidity stays relatively constant, providing a safe refuge from the elements and fire. Owls, raccoons, opossums, mice, frogs, and snakes capitalize on the tortoise’s efforts and can be found using the burrows from time to time. The 110,000-acre Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve contains some of the largest expanses of shrinking gopher tortoise habitat called coastal scrub.

Help Us Keep in Touch...
Please Remember to update us if you change your e-mail address.
There’s No Place Like Home

by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner

As our winter residents prepare to come back, the Property Appraiser, Abe Skinner, has prepared and sent out our TRIM (Truth in Millage) notices.

For those residents up north it must be a relief to see OUR property taxes for Florida versus their tax bills in other areas of the country. What a tremendous difference! Comparing Ohio versus Florida, the taxes are so much lower in Florida, plus Ohio has county taxes, state taxes, and assorted other fees and taxes (according to my brother who lives in the Cleveland area).

And on a personal note, as a comparison: the taxes in Ohio for a 2 Bedroom, 2 bath small condo (and you don’t even own the land underneath) are half again as much as a 4 bedroom, 2 bath house with a pool on a lot in Collier County. Ah, there’s no place like home!

On Marco we have wondered at times what the taxes we pay to the county are used for – which is a legitimate question. Where DOES our money go? Sure, we pay our share for the sheriff (who is required by law to protect the entire county whether we have our own police department or not), but what is that tax money used for? So I asked the question.

I guess I had never thought of all the extra expenses we would have to incur on our own as an island if we didn’t split the costs county-wide for the court systems, the bailiffs, the probation officers, the jail (we certainly don’t want to have our own jail on Marco), related jail expenses, sheriff’s helicopters, SWAT team, 911 emergency call system, and the list goes on and on.

If we had to pay for all those services ourselves, in my opinion we’d go broke. Then of course we have the EMS (Emergency Management System) and med-flights, and the Emergency Operations Center controlling all emergency movements for hurricanes, forest fires, etc. We also must consider the Medical Examiner in these expenses. Certainly we want all of these services distributed county-wide amongst all taxpayers.

Then we have Pollution Control. Now what does that actually mean to Marco, I asked. My answer was: hazardous waste compliance assistance, regulated storage tank compliance inspections, compliant investigations and reporting regarding algae blooms, petro fish kills, abandoned drums, etc., water quality analysis for the City of Marco, red tide analysis and results when necessary, notification in the event that material/waste is released in the vicinity of the Marco Lakes reservoir (at the corner of 951/US 41 – our water supply). I never realized Pollution Control had so many functions, but there you have it.

Also located under “county” on your TRIM notice, but not specifically mentioned are the other constitutional officers (Sheriff being the one we’ve already discussed here), Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Clerk of Courts and Supervisor of Elections, who serve all the taxpayers of Collier County.

And then there is Growth Management. I asked how can Marco ever benefit from the county’s growth management? I never thought about the road system! Marco residents need these roads whether going to the Philharmonic, the Playhouse, to other museums, to I-75, to Costco, or wherever we are going, and we want these roads maintained for our safety, for our evacuation and for convenience.

The County returns $1 million to Marco each year to use on OUR road system. The County also works together with Marco to apply for state grants and federal grants for many things including our roads, sidewalks and bridges. Public Services comes under the County Manager’s calculations, which include South Beach and Tigertail Beach, the Marco Library and the Marco Island Museum.

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Join us as Bob Stutman discusses the world of substance abuse in our society and what YOU can do about it.

Bob Stutman shares his knowledge from a decades-long career in the DEA. He is a substance abuse expert and consultant to “CBS News”, and has appeared on “48 Hours”, “Good Morning America”, “The Ted Koppel Show”, “The Today Show” and “Oprah”.

PARENT/COMMUNITY PRESENTATION
(Two opportunities to attend)

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Barron Collier High School
5600 Cougar Drive

Thursday, November 10, 2011
7:00pm – 9:00pm
New Hope Ministries
7675 Davis Boulevard

FOR MORE INFORMATION
DrugFreeCollier.org
p: 239/377-0535
e: info@DrugFreeCollier.org

Working to Save & Change Lives!
“The Dancing Terns” Return to Residents’ Beach

After a minor makeover that included some welding and buffing, “The Dancing Terns” have returned to grace the entrance to the Marco Island Residents’ Beach.

The sculpture was part of ArtQuest 2008. The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) originally launched ArtQuest in 2006 and again in 2008, to display artwork throughout public places on the island.

The sculpture entitled “The Dancing Terns” was created by Miami-based artist Fred Caravetta. Mr. Caravetta has worked with steel for the past 35 years, which he sometimes paints, carves and welds.

Mr. Caravetta was so impressed with the location and the program that he later donated “Dancing Terns” to MIFA to be on permanent display at Residents’ Beach!

We’re happy to welcome the Terns home!

Owl Prowl

Marco Island is habitat for approximately 90 Burrowing Owls, a State of Florida “Species of Special Concern.”

From the meeting place at Mackle Park, Nancy Richie, Environmental Specialist, will lead a walk to one or two nearby locations to view the owls and their burrows. Onsite information will be provided about the biology, history, habitat, behavior, etiquette in maintaining and viewing owls and their burrows, and the human impacts on the Burrowing Owls in the urban environment.

Parks and Recreation’s Owl Prowl events will be offered on Wednesday, October 19th and Wednesday, November 30th from 5:00 - 6:00p.m.

The class is available and open to all ages. Cost is $10 per person.

For more information on Owl Prowl please call Mackle Park at 239-642-0575, or visit www.cityofmarcoisland.com.

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Sahrina L. Kelly
Director, Tiffany & Co.

and

Melissa Felice
Unit Executive Director, ACS Marco Island

invite you to participate in

**Keys For A Cause**

An evening of glamour and giving to benefit the Marco Island Chapter of the American Cancer Society with a special performance by Casey Weston

Greystone Manor
Marco Island

Thursday, November 17 • 5:00 until 8:00 pm

RSVP Melissa Felice 239 642 8800 ext. 0
American Cancer Society
Marco Island

*Pre-purchase tickets for keys through the ACS, or purchase keys at the event, for $100 each. Each key gives you the opportunity to unlock a dazzling Tiffany treasure.*

**Tiffany & Co.**

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**Christmas Island Style**

Nov 8  5:00-7:00 pm  CIS/Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, San Marco Catholic Church

Nov 25 6:00 pm  Santa’s Arrival, Shops of Marco

Dec 3  6:00 pm  Tree Lighting, Veterans Park

Dec 7  6:30 pm  Holiday Concert & Salute to Veterans – Charter Middle School

Dec 10  6:00 pm  Boat Parade

Dec 16  6:00 pm  Christmas Movie at the Tree - Veterans Park

Dec 17  6:30 pm  Street Parade

Dec 23  3:00 pm  MICA’s Holiday Celebration, Residents’ Beach

For a complete list of events, please visit [www.christmasislandstyle.com](http://www.christmasislandstyle.com)
Signs of better times?
Yet another Loggerhead sea turtle season has come to a close and it is good to be able to report improved numbers on Marco. Mating is triggered by the Gulf water temperatures and since it was warmer earlier this year, we saw our first nest on south beach on May 2nd compared with May 22nd last year.
That early start set the pace for the rest of the season and we ended up with a total of 65 nests on Marco beaches compared with 46 last year. Collier County in total reached 760 which, believe it or not, was exactly the same as last year.

Location, Location, Location...
Again this year, the majority of nests on Marco were on Sand Dollar (the spit of land at Tigertail Beach), but going back to 2009 most of them were on the main beach. Here’s how the numbers break down this year:

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Although Sand Dollar and Hideaway are quiet and unlit, probably making them more attractive to a nesting sea turtle, they are also more unstable and prone to erosion. This could not have been demonstrated more dramatically than this year, when a low pressure system that came up the Southwest Florida coast late in the week of July 4th caused high tides and created a breach on the northern end of Sand Dollar, across from Hideaway Beach. This breakthrough is now about thirty to forty feet wide, with very strong currents.
Sadly, this breach washed out ten sea turtle nests and demonstrates that the beaches on Marco are forever changing.

See you in about 20 years
Can you believe it will take between 8 and 9 productive nests to produce one turtle that will make it to maturity and hopefully return to Marco Beach in 15 - 25 years or so, to lay her own nest and start the cycle all over again? Let us hope that the beach is as beautiful when she returns as it is today.

Summary of Turtle Nesting Season
- 46 nests hatched yielding close to 4000 hatchlings (nearer to 2900 last year)
- 11 nests washed out on Sand Dollar (10 during the week of July 4th)
- 6 nests didn’t hatch due to inundation
- 2 false crawls were identified as nests.
The mission of Habitat for Humanity is to work in partnership with God, those in need and people from all walks of life, to develop decent and safe communities. We build affordable houses in our communities so that each person can experience God’s love and grow into all that God intends.

Over the past five years we were able to move 101 families each year into safe, decent homes. The Habitat Home Store, located at 11127 Tamiami Trail East is a resale store that sells quality, gently-used donated furniture, home furnishings, appliances and limited construction items (cabinets and countertops, doors, bulk tile and hurricane shutters) to the public.

The Home Store sales provide a critical funding stream for the building of Habitat homes. Additionally, all Habitat homeowners are able to shop with an additional discount as they decorate and furnish their new homes.

If you would like to donate to the Home Store complimentary pick-up is available for donated goods, and a tax slip is always available, please call 239-732-6388.

The Home Store is always looking for volunteers and there are many ways you can get involved including, floor sales, cashier and scheduling for pick-ups and deliveries, truck helper and furniture mover, back room work: polishing, cleaning and repairing donated items, promotion: talking to organizations, marketing for the store and recruiting volunteers.

The Naples Habitat for Humanity store is located at 11127 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34113, telephone 239.732.6388. Please stop by and see how you can get involved and what treasures you can find.
On August 8, 2011, a beloved long-time resident of Marco Island passed away, Jann Brewer. Jann and her husband, Bert, who died some years ago, were known as the “Dynamic Duo” on our island. They worked in many ways to donate their time and energy. When worthy causes needed volunteers, they were the first to sign up and generously commit their time.

During the many years they owned the Marco Fitness Club their policy was to allow any member of the armed services to use their facility free of charge. And many, many times they gave the key to the club’s front door to the service person to allow him or her to work out at any time and in private if needed.

If they found an abused animal, they took it home and made it part of their extended family. They always had a menagerie of pets that they collected along the way. Through the good times and the bad this inspirational couple never gave up and never stopped helping others.
Marco Island Civic Association “Members Only” Discount Program

DINING
Present discount card before ordering Casa Mia Italian Steakhouse
Dine in, carry out, catering, private parties, Pizza, 1000 N Collier Blvd, 642-5253

CJ’s on the Bay, Esplanade
Excludes Gazebo Bar, 389-4511

Cold Stone Ice Cream, Esplanade
$1 off purchase or $3 off ice cream cake 393-3046

Gino’s Olde Marco Trattoria
Entrée items only. 1095 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-4368

Snook Inn
826 E Elkcam Circle, 642-3625
5% off food, regular menu items only

Sunset Grille
1215 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-3313

The Sand Bar
701 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-8727

Vic’s Island Pizza
642-5662
Free delivery on Marco. Pizza, subs, salads, wings. Marco’s only wheat pizza. Open for lunch and dinner. 910 N Collier Blvd

HEALTH CARE/WELLNESS
Always There Home Health Care
Loyalty Program, 389-0170

Curves
3 free trial workouts, 389-0016

Healthy Body by Nina
Initial personal training sessions & group classes, 1000 N Collier Blvd #12, 564-6262

Nikken, 394-1580
Retail wellness products, 651 S Collier Blvd

Personal Training & Pilates Studio
Above Subway on Collier Blvd., 650 Bald Eagle Dr. www.101fit.com
333-5771

Retro Fitness of Naples
50% off initial membership fee
4880 Davis Blvd., 732-5899

The Spa at Marco Island Marriott Resort
10% off spa services & 15% off salon services 400 S Collier Blvd, 389-6029

Summer Day Café
Town Center Vitamins only, 394-8361

RETAIL STORES
APPLIANCE/JEWELRY
Beachworks, Town Center Mall Excludes sales items, 642-7777

Beach Unlimited
1001 N Collier Blvd, 642-4888

Georgie’s & the Shoe Resort
Town Center Mall, 394-2621

JetSet Surf Shop
934-5544 Excludes hardgoods, 674 Bald Eagle Dr

Jewelry by Laura, Marriott Resort
394-2511

Sunshine Stitchers
970-0200 1106-1/2 N. Collier Blvd., Chamber Plaza

Surf & Sand / Sweetwaters / Crosswinds
Marriott Resort, 389-6051

NON-APPAREL
China Rose Florist
Fresh flowers only, excludes out-of-town orders, 678 Bald Eagle Dr, 642-6663

CJ’s on the Bay, Esplanade
Excludes Gazebo Bar, 389-4511

Esplanade: Collier Blvd & Elkcam Circle. Marco Walk: South Collier Blvd & Winterberry Drive
Shops of Marco: North Barfield Drive & San Marco Road

First Pawn Jewelry & Loan
5%-20% off jewelry, firearms, instruments and tools. Discounts vary.
889 Airport Road S, Naples, 434-7296

In the Light,
Shops at Oldie Marco, 821-5243

Islander Pool & Patio
Patio furniture store & pool toys
559 Bald Eagle Dr, 642-4844

Keep In Touch, Shops of Marco
Excludes Post Office, copy & internet service & sale items, 393-6300

Optical Boutique of Marco
Marco Walk, 642-4776

Radio Shack-Island Electronics, LLC
1000 N Collier Blvd, 394-5888

Reflections Liquors
1000 N Collier Blvd, 394-1118

Royal Palm Hair Studio
Joico & Paul Mitchell hair products
981 N Collier Blvd, 394-7800

Something Olde Something New
Excludes sale & used items
207 N Collier Blvd, 394-9700

Sunshine Bookellers
10% discount on all hardcover books; 20% discount on notary, fax & copy services (N Collier store only). Excluded from discount: paperback books, toys, gifts, greeting cards, shipping and USPS Services. 1000 N Collier Blvd, 394-5343
677 S Collier Blvd, 393-0353

Your Island Home
Town Center, 642-7366

DRY CLEANERS
Cache Dry Cleaners
666 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-0099

Dry Clean & More
1763 San Marco Rd, 642-7222

Professional Dry Cleaners of Marco
571 East Elkmont Circle, 394-4579

HOME SERVICES / IMPROVEMENT
A. Pinto Self Storage
5% off new rentals & document shredding, 994 N Barfield Dr, 394-1822

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394-0318 www.asaplockofmarcoisland.com

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The above businesses participate in MICA’s Members Only Discount Program and extend a minimum 10% discount to MICA & Residents’ Beach members. Please present your card at time of purchase. Discounts are not valid with any other offers. Discounts are for MICA & Residents’ Beach members only.
The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center (RBELC) is located at 300 Tower Road, ¾ mile south of the intersection of US41 and Collier Boulevard (CR951). From May 1 through Oct. 30, the center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; from Nov. 1 through April 30, the center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Admission is $5 for adults, $3 for children ages 6-12 and free for members, unless otherwise noted for special activities. For more information, call 239-417-6310 or visit rookerybay.org and facebook.com/friendsofrookerybay.

DAILY PROGRAMS
Naturalists and educators present Daily Programs at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday that are free with regular admission. Topics vary and include Movie Monday, shells, skulls and bones, snakes, nature walks, plant walks, fish feeding at the 2,300-gallon main aquarium, and marine critter touch tank.

GUIDED KAYAK TRIPS
Two-hour guided kayak tours of Rookery Bay, Hall Bay and mangrove tunnels provide the opportunity to see birds, marine mammals and other sights of nature. Trips are offered: October: Tues & Thurs – 9 a.m.; November & December: Tues & Thurs – 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. The cost is $40 for members, $45 for non-members and includes kayak, all equipment, paddling instruction and admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Paddlers must be 12 or older. Advanced registration is required at rookerybay.org or 239-417-6310 x401.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Through Nov 11
3rd Annual Family and Friends of the Estuary Exhibit
Rookery Bay staff, family members, volunteers and Friends of Rookery Bay were invited to submit artwork for this exhibit at the RBELC. The theme this year was: “Where in the Reserve?”

Oct 18-20, Nov 15-17, Dec 13-15
(8:30 – 11:30 a.m.)
Nature Photography Made Easy
Join well known Naples photographer and photography instructor Gordon Campbell for a three-part nature photography class. This course that will cover everything from setting your camera’s menu correctly to attractive composition and use of lighting plus Q&A. Daily in-the-field shooting instruction and a special trip to Tigertail Beach. Bonus: for those interested in improving their photo editing and digital processing skills, sign up for an optional Day Four of instruction. For this extra class, students will need to bring a laptop and have experience transferring files from camera to computer. Students will come away understanding key lighting adjustments, proper cropping and other tricks the pros use to finish their best photos. The fee for the three-day class is $150 ($140 for members) and the fee for the photo editing class is $65 ($60 for members). Pre-registration required at rookerybay.org or by calling 417-6310 x401.

LUNCH & LEARN LECTURES
(noon to 1 p.m.) – Complete Details on Website. Refreshments are provided by Carrabba’s and Costco Naples. The lecture is free for members and $8 for non-members and includes admission to the Environmental Learning Center. Call 417-6310 to reserve a spot.

Oct 19 - “From Galapagos to Florida, a Journey Through Ecotourism” Speaker: Alberto Chavez, Sustainable tourism expert
Nov 2 – “Sex, Drugs & Sea Slime – The Oceans’ Oddest Creatures & Why They Matter” Speaker: Dr. Ellen Prager, author and marine biologist

Dec 7 – “Florida Panthers” Speaker: Dennis Giardina, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Biologist

Jan 4 – “Life as a Nature Artist” Speaker: Lee Hammond, artist, author & teacher

Oct 19 (7-8:30 p.m.) Lost and Found: The Search for 19th Century Homestead Sites in Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

The Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will host the Southwest Florida Archaeological Society’s monthly lecture, which is free and open to the public. Archaeologist Matthew Betz will speak on locating early homestead sites in the Reserve. His talk will focus on his extensive archival research of the early homesteading families of the Little Marco settlement, which included the areas of Rookery Bay and Henderson Creek in the late 19th century. Refreshments will be served at 7 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16 (8:30 to 11:30 a.m.) Photo Editing & Digital Processing for Nature Photographers Workshop
Join well known Naples photographer and photography instructor Gordon Campbell presents this class that offers students an understanding of key lighting adjustments, proper cropping and other tricks the pros use to finish their best photos. Students will need to bring a laptop and have experience transferring their files from a camera to their computer. The fee is $65. Pre-registration required at rookerybay.org or by calling 417-6310 x401.

Oct 25 in English, Dec 1 in Spanish (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Best Management Practices for the Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries Certification. Class for landscapers which covers turfgrass management, landscape plants, irrigation systems and pesticide handling. Cost is $30 and includes class materials and lunch. Registration required at least three days in advance. Download form at rookerybay.org/greenscape or call 239-417-6310 x231 for more information.

Nov 1 Registration for the Southwest Florida Nature Festival field trips opens at rookerybay.org.

Nov 6 (1 – 4 p.m.) Party of All Parties Just in time for holiday shopping, Friends of Rookery Bay presents the 2nd annual Party of All Parties. Dozens of home party and gift vendors will sell their products and offer a bucket raffle of their favorite items. Free wine, soft drinks and desserts will be served. A “pampering” area with free massage and facial treatments, along with a complimentary shopping tote

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are new additions to the event. Sponsors include The Arlington, Naples Illustrated, Costco Naples and the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. Admission is $8 per person or $15 per couple.

Nov 9 (8:30 to 5:30 p.m.)
**GIS Symposium: Inspiration Through Networking and Technology**
GIS Symposium incorporates the annual Southwest Florida GIS User Group Meeting and will be a day filled with oral and poster presentations, vendors and social hour for networking. ESRI is one of the keynote speakers and will be presenting latest software updates and changes. Visit the symposium website at www.rookerybay.org/GIS-Symposium2011 and download a registration form. Cost free and will be held at RBELC. For more info, email Jill.Schmid@dep.state.fl.us or call 239-417-6310 ext. 406.

Nov 15 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
**America Recycles Day**
RBELC offers "buy one, get one free" admission along with literature to help people increase their recycling habits at home and work and to buy products made with recycled materials. A nature walk at 11:00 includes a short tour of the sustainable butterfly garden, complete with rain barrel and solar irrigation. At 2:00 the basics of composting.

Nov 15 (5:30 to 7 p.m.)
**Painting Annual Exhibit Opening**
Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County present the “6th Annual Juried Painting Exhibition” from Nov 17 through Jan 28 with works submitted by artists from Collier and Lee counties. Following Rookery Bay’s environmental mission, work with a central theme of landscape was suggested to the artists but not required. Most works are for sale. The juror is Barbara Hill, a fine art consultant and advisor to municipalities, cultural institutions, collectors and artists. Opening Reception features wine and light hors d’oeuvres from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov 15. Admission is $3 for the public.

Nov 17 – Jan. 28
**6th Annual Juried Painting Exhibition**

Dec 3 (8 to 11 a.m.)
**2nd annual Rookery Bay Reserve Adventure Race** Enjoy a 3k kayak along Henderson Creek and a 4k trail run at RBELC to benefit the Friends of Rookery Bay. All participants will receive a t-shirt designed by Reserve Manager Gary Lytton, post-race refreshments, and free admission to RBELC. Awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each category: men, women and relays. Registration is limited to 70 people and opens Oct 1 at rookerybay.org. Fees are $40 for individuals and $70 for relay teams.

Dec 9, Jan 9, Feb 6 (4 to 7 p.m.), March 6 (4:30 to 7:30 p.m.), April 9 (6-9 p.m.)
**Sunset to Starlight Cruise**
Unique 3-hour small boat journey during the full moon will take guests to Key Island (also called Keewaydin), one of the jewels of South Florida. The island on the western edge of Rookery Bay Reserve is renowned for its shell-strewn beaches and pastel sunsets. Taking advantage of the magical sunset hours, this small group trip will set out on a remote section of beach to stroll at leisure as the sun sinks into the Gulf. Enjoy a leisurely return cruise through the back bays, wrapped in the sights, sounds and sensations of night in the tropics. The captain and guide is Rookery Bay’s assistant manager, Randy McCormick, who is a Certified Interpretive Guide, an instructor in the Florida Master Naturalist program and a fifth generation Floridian. Cost is $75 per person ($70 members). Gift certificates are available. Special private tours can be arranged. Pre-registration required at rookerybay.org. Call 417-6310 x 401 for information.

Dec. 14, Jan 18, Feb 15, Mar 8, Apr 11 (2-4 p.m.)
**Cruise Through Time**
Take a peaceful, guided boat trip back through time to explore the rich history of the wilderness that was, and in a way still is, Rookery Bay Reserve. This two-hour trip takes no more than six passengers and offers an up-close and personal experience of remote areas of the Reserve and its 3,000
year old history. Listening to the stories of the people who once called this home leaves guests with a profound and unique sense of place. Cost is $65 per person, and proceeds help support the Friends of Rookery Bay, a non-profit citizens support organization. Gift certificates available. Special private tours can be arranged. Pre-registration required at rookerybay.org. Call 417-6310 x401 for information.

Dec 15, Jan 12, Mar 1, Apr 5 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.)
**Wing It! Beginning Birders Workshop**
Learn the basics of birding, then practice your skills on a field trip to a local park. Cost is $25 for non-members, members $20. Limited to 20, and pre-registration is required by calling 417-6310 x401 or registering online at rookerybay.org.

Dec. 19-23 and 27-30 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
**Children's Crafts**
Children make wildlife crafts such as stingray airplanes, shark totem poles and cabbage palm reindeers. Free with regular admission.

Jan 13 – 15
**7th annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival**
Explore the local environment through more than 40 guided field trips to 20 wildlife hot spots around Southwest Florida, on-the-water adventures and activities at RBELC as well as at Naples Botanical Garden. Field trips, including birding walks and boat tours, are offered in conjunction with partners including Naples Botanical Garden, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Big Cypress National Preserve and Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Registration opens Nov 1 at rookerybay.org, with trips ranging from $10-50 per person. Details on website.

Jan 30 – Feb 3 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
**Portrait Class with Lee Hammond**
Learn to draw a professional-looking portrait in this five-day class. Using proven methods from her best-selling books, “Lifelike Portraits from Photographs” and “Lifelike Drawing in Color,” Lee Hammond will show how a portrait is created in both graphite and colored pencil. Students will learn how to accurately draw each of the facial features, as well as hair and clothing. Absolutely no experience required. Hammond has been a professional artist and art instructor for more than 20 years. Supplies are not included. A list will be provided. Cost is $375.

Feb 2 to Mar 31
**6th Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit**
Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County present the “6th Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit” featuring the flora and fauna of Florida from Feb 2 through Mar 31. The juror is pre-eminent photographer Clyde Butcher.

Feb 7 (5 to 7 p.m.)
**Photography Annual Exhibit Opening with Clyde Butcher**
Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County present the “6th Annual Florida Juried Photography Exhibit” featuring the flora and fauna of Florida from Feb 2 through Mar 31. The juror is pre-eminent photographer Clyde Butcher. Cash awards will be presented during the Opening Reception featuring wine and light hors d’oeuvres will be served from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 2. Admission is $3.

Feb 14 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
**Valentine’s Day**
The RBELC offers two-for-one admission for all guests who bring their “sweetie” to the center. Naturalist-led presentations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will explain the “courtship curiosities” of local wildlife. Higher admission price prevails.

Feb 27 - March 2 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
**Landscape Painting Class with Lee Hammond**
Learn how to paint favorite scenes and landscapes and to create fantastic skies, gorgeous ocean scenes, trees, mountains and more during this five-day class. Using her book “Landscapes in Acrylic” as a guide, Lee Hammond will demonstrate easy methods for students at all ability levels; no experience required. Cost is $375.
Shellings Guide

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 bring...
String bag to allow water to flow through (available from Marco Craft & Shell and Suntations), separate bag for small and fragile shells, water, sunscreen, camera and beach shoes.

What to collect...
Whatever you like the look of! Remember it is illegal to collect live shells. Sea urchins, sand dollars and sea stars can be difficult to assess, so if in doubt return them gently to the water.

Where to go...
The north & 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 the Sand Dollar spit.

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. Available from Sunshine Booksellers and Marco Craft & Shell.
- 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. Available from Sunshine Booksellers.
The Marco Review....
So Much More than a Visitor Guide

You’ve probably seen The Marco Review on stands all around the island, but you may not know that it’s owned and produced by a Marco Island family.

Stephen and Debbie Barker bought the magazine when they relocated from England to Marco with their teenage daughters in early 1994. Like so many of us, having vacationed here many times, they had fallen in love with the area and each vacation lasted longer and longer as they didn’t want to return to the cold and crowds of their home country.

Fast forward nearly eighteen years and there is not much that they don’t know about Marco Island and the Everglades. Producing a successful visitor magazine, which has grown significantly over the years, means they must keep abreast of anything and everything that a visitor to Marco should know about.

But the Review is not just for visitors... All of us have family who come to stay sometimes - more than likely in the winter (ever wondered why that is?) and we all need to find things to do with them... that’s where the Review comes in. Stephen and Debbie have established their magazine as Marco’s “Go To” reference guide.

For a free publication the percentage of editorial to ads is really high and much of this editorial changes every edition. There are features on local businesses and places of interest and pages and pages of “Go to Guides” highlighting activities, from eco-trips to offshore fishing, from guided tours, parks and preserves to shopping - there’s something to interest everyone.

You’ll find tides, sunrises and sunsets so you can plan that cocktail on the beach or your shelling trip with the grandkids. They also have a chart of the most commonly found shells for easy identification, which we’re including in MICAwave this issue (see opposite). There’s an extensive dining guide listing all of Marco’s eateries and a detailed review of many of them.

Debbie is a keen photographer and nearly all the photographs in the Review are taken by her... she refuses to use stock photos when there is so much beauty all around. If you share Debbie’s interest in photography you can enter their readers’ photo competition and win a $50 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

A recent addition to the magazine is a significantly expanded coupon section. With over 60 local businesses participating, there are some great special offers from restaurants, stores, tours, spas and many more.

And, if you’re a part time resident, the “What’s New?” feature will help you figure out what’s come and gone since you were last here. You’ll be relieved to know it’s not political and doesn’t include anything on City Council matters, but only the things you really need to know to take maximum advantage of living on Marco.

They also have a very informative website (marcoreview.com) which your family can visit before they come down and, for those of you who are tech savvy (or have grandkids who are), you can follow them on Facebook to get regular updates on Marco Island interests (facebook.com/themarcoreview). If you have any questions give them a call at 239.642.0251.

The next edition is out on November 1st, with a new feature on local restaurants entitled “Tasty Bites”. Don’t forget to pick up your copy!
Mosquito Control and South Florida Water Management District are under separate taxing authorities on your tax bill. Nearly half of our tax bill goes to the School Board, plus we have the voter approved expense for Conservation Collier Land Acquisition.

How lucky we are to work cooperatively between Marco Island and the County because it saves us all money, rather than paying for all these services on our own.

I hope I’ve explained this clearly enough in the limited space I have to answer some of our questions. For answers to more questions, please take a look at my website www.DonnaFiala.com.

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