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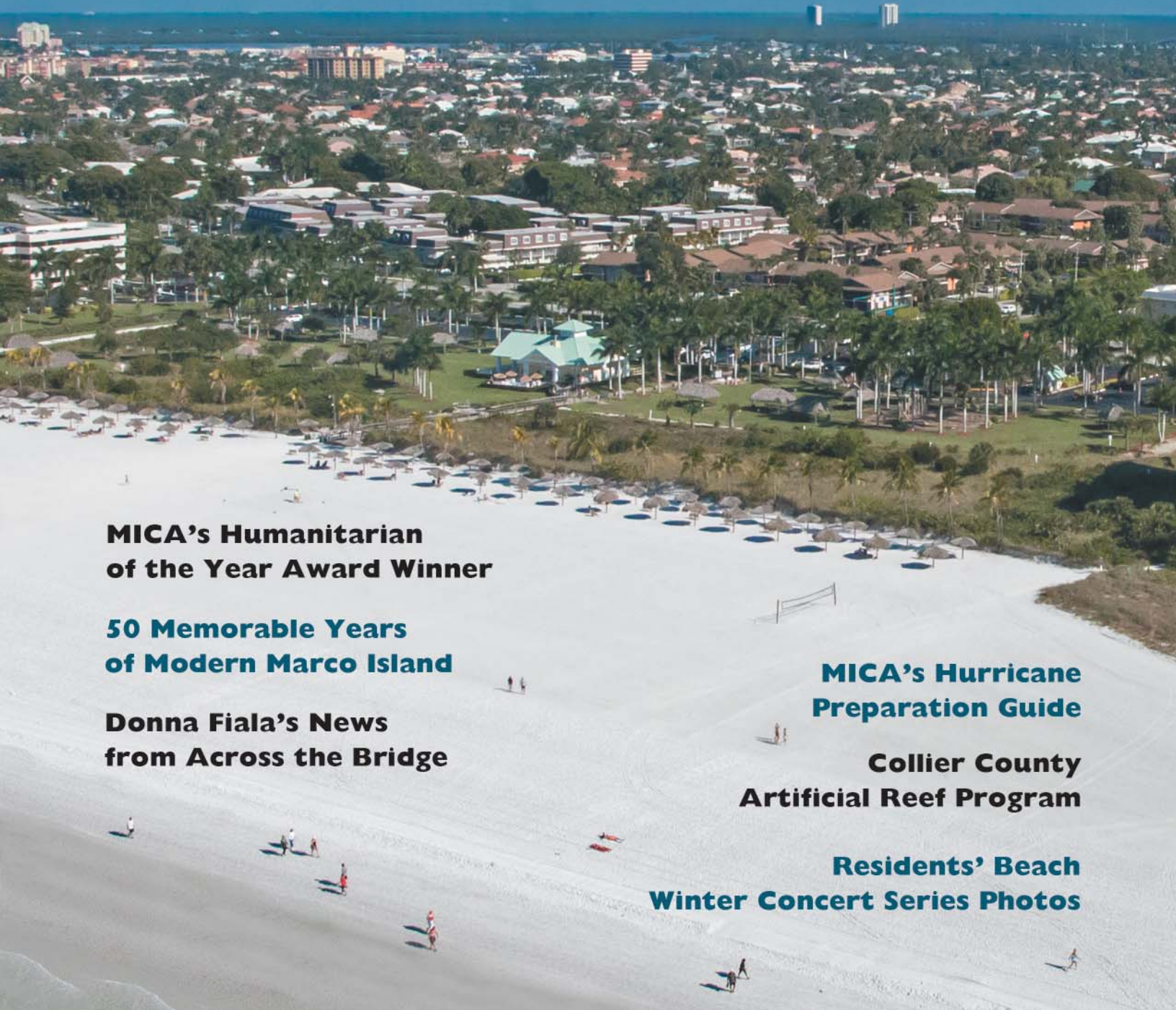
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President's Message

by Dick Adams, MICA President

As I write this, the seasonal folks have pretty much vacated the island and headed back north where the weather is looking better. It was an extremely busy season at Residents Beach that included five very well-attended concerts. Since many "snow birds" have flown north, the traffic problems have been greatly alleviated and progress on the Smokehouse Bridge project continues with a schedule completion at the end of October or beginning of November.

Shortly, you will receive the annual survey published by MICA. The survey format attempts to provide some context around the questions that follow. This has been supplemented with an attachment summarizing the new rental and noise ordinances that serve as a background for two questions on the survey. We encourage you to participate in completion of the survey as your opinions count. The results will be shared with the City Council and the City Manager as well as other community members.

This year MICA's Nominating Committee consisted of MICA members Lynne Minozzi, Linda Shockley, Paul Sullivan, and Beverly Trotter. The committee met and nominated six individuals who were willing to work for the membership and serve on the Board of Directors. The six candidates who so graciously made a commitment to our community were: Albino Bismonte, James Curran, Larry Dulski, Brian Kudis, Michael Levine, and Phyllis Marco. Ballots were mailed to the membership, and on February 27 they were tabulated. Joining the board are Al Bismonte, James Curran, Brian Kudis and Phyllis Marco. Rounding out the board are Dick Adams (President), Dianna Dohm (Vice President), Bernardo Bezos (Treasurer), Barbara Dasti, Hector Fernandez, Jim Johnson, Ray McChesney, and Kathy Sullivan.

MICA board members and committee members are all volunteers who have the best interests of the residents and our island at heart. Board members are elected for a three year term with a maximum of two terms to be served. Any MICA member interested in serving on a committee is urged to contact Ruth McCann at 239-642-7778 or email his or her resume to info@marcocivic.com.

On behalf of the MICA Board of Directors, I would like to wish you a terrific, healthy, and happy summer.



***Dick Adams, President,
MICA Board of Directors***

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Before about 700 members at Marco Island Residents' Beach, City Council Chairman Larry Sacher accepts a check from MICA's Vice President Dianna Dohm and board member Al Bismonte. The \$5,000 check represents MICA's contribution toward the \$42,000 cost of the July Fourth fireworks display. The Marco Island community is tasked with raising half of the funds while the City of Marco Island pays the other half.



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Update from the Marco Island Library

The Friends of the Marco Island Branch Library held their Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 3:30pm in the Marco Island Library's Rose Hall auditorium. The elections of new officers and the Class of 2018 were held.

For many years, the Friends' main focus was the construction of Rose Hall. With completion of the community auditorium, the Friends have continued to support the Marco Island Branch with a variety of projects that include funding a part-time employee for one year, patio and Rose Hall furniture, audio-visual equipment for Rose Hall, library furniture re-upholstering and remodeling, new endcap signage, magazine racks, computer desks and appropriate electrical equipment, artwork, two Books & Brew Lectures and a Garden Program, teen furniture, LEAP employees (providing free tech advice at the library), Love Your Library (providing materials for the Children's Library area), and refreshments at selected events. The Marco Friends are also exploring the reopening of the library on Saturdays here at the Marco Branch and are investigating means to provide more books to the county library system.



The Friends of the Library of Collier County is the parent Friends organization and directly supports the Marco Island Branch. Donations are encouraged to assist both groups with their endeavors at www.collier-friends.org or to the Friends of the Library of Collier County, Inc. 650 Central Avenue, Naples, FL 34102. Any excess amount over \$100 goes directly to the Marco Island Library. Benefits include: newsletters and program brochure mailings, early registration for events, Book Sale Previews and program discounts. Please support our county system with your donations.

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Presenting MICA's 2015 Humanitarian Of The Year

by Ruth McCann

The MICA Humanitarian of the Year Award is one of the most prestigious awards on Marco Island.

This esteemed award was developed in 1998 to honor the unsung heroes of Marco Island, the people who do so much for so many - the wonderful, positive people you do not hear much about.

In the United States, medical care and necessary prescription medication for our children is a given. However, in other parts of the world medical care would be considered a luxury that is afforded to only the wealthy and is sometimes unreachable due to conditions in the country.

Our Humanitarian Award is presented every year at MICA's Annual Meeting in January, however, our 2015 Humanitarian was out of the country performing selfless actions at that time! So we scrambled, hoping he would miraculously arrive back in the U.S. in time. It was not to be, but he did accept the award on March 1 at Marco Island Residents' Beach before a crowd of about 1,000 members. And where was our Humanitarian in January? He was in his birth country of the Philippines administering medical aid to the underprivileged children of the area. I am speaking of Dr. Albino Bismonte!

Al Bismonte is a retired pediatrician. Al still practices medicine and travels to Chicago for a couple of weeks each year to cover while his former partner takes a vacation. He prefers to get paid in the form of medicine so he can take it to his Mission in the Philippines where he spends three weeks every year operating a day clinic at his sister's home in a rural part of the country.

Over the three weeks, Al sees approximately 50-60 children per day and gives them the compassionate medical care they need. For those children that he does not have the proper medication, Al gives them a voucher to go to the only drugstore in the area to get what they need. Al then pays for all of the medicines.

After accepting MICA's 2015 Humanitarian of the Year Award, Dr. Bismonte advised that his most



Humanitarian Award winner Al Bismonte with MICA Board President Dick Adams

recent trip in January marked the tenth anniversary of his mission trip to the Philippines!

Al Bismonte is active in our Marco Island community as well. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he has served as Grand Knight for the Council and Faithful Navigator of the Assembly. He also serves as District Deputy responsible for all the Councils in Southern Collier County.

Al is a Eucharistic Minister for San Marco Catholic Church. He is a member of the Noontime Rotary Club. He is a driver for St. Vincent DePaul, delivering meals to the elderly and poor workers at the 6L Farms. He also drives the elderly to their doctor visits or for their weekly chemotherapy treatments for those who cannot drive and need assistance. Al was also elected to the Board of Directors of the Marco Island Civic Association in March. We are proud to have him on board!



How To Be Cool When Your Electric Bill Arrives

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

No one is excited to pay bills. However, it helps to know that you were able to manage the amount of the bill. LCEC has not raised electric rates in seven years but your bill will increase if your usage increases. Your bill can be managed with a few no-cost, low-cost measures. LCEC suggests the following tips to help reduce those summer bills.

- Keep your air conditioner set at 78 degrees Fahrenheit. Every degree cooler costs eight percent more on your cooling bill.
- Replace filters in your air conditioner once a month, and have your unit cleaned every year.
- Use the “auto” fan setting on your thermostat.
- Use ceiling fans to assist in cooling. Don’t leave ceiling fans running in rooms where people are not present.
- Your water heater is the second largest expense on your electric bill. Set yours at 120 degrees. Always unplug the water heater before adjusting the temperature.
- Turn the lights off when you leave a room, and turn the TV off when you’re not watching it.
- Properly weather-strip your home to keep the heat out and the cool air in.
- Consider tinting your windows. Windows account for half of air conditioning bills. Keep the drapes closed during hot days, and open them at night. Consider planting trees in your yard to shade the windows that receive the most heat.
- Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs; they last longer and add less heat to the room. Also, consider installing sensors on outdoor lights that will tell them to turn on when they are needed.
- Install a timer on your air conditioner so that it will control humidity when your home is vacant for long periods of time.
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News from Across the Bridge

by Donna Fiala, Collier County Commissioner

Have you heard of a “WaWa”? Being in Naples 41 years I guess I’ve never been introduced to this mega, clean and friendly convenience store with gas tanks, but Collier County can expect one within a year. Their first entrance will be on U.S. 41 E, directly across the street from the new Outback Steakhouse and next door to the 5th3rd Bank. They are making their way through the zoning and permitting process now, then the development plans will move forward, and once approved construction should begin. By that time the intersection improvements at 951/41 should be complete, as they are running about six months ahead of schedule and below budget.

Once this intersection is complete, you will probably see new retail and restaurants begin to pop up in that area. We are so fortunate that we will have some commercial development coming our way, but there will be a natural “STOP” in place so that it won’t get over-developed. Of course you know we have Rookery Bay and the 10,000 Islands, but we also have the Picayune Strand stretching from I-75 all the way down to the Marco Airport, and then there is Collier Seminole State Park, Fakahatchee Forest, Everglades National Park, the 729,000 acre Big Cypress National Preserve, and of course – the Everglades. Nothing can be built on any of this environmentally sensitive land held in preservation in perpetuity. This gives us a natural end to development which other parts of the County do not have. We also have access to wildlife, flora and fauna, swamps, etc., and it’s just around the corner.

The Marco Island Historical Museum is working toward forging a relationship with the Smithsonian! The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the State Humanities Council have sponsored their newest exhibit “The Way We Worked”, which is on display right now at our Marco Museum, and goes through May 16th. The exhibit explores how work has become a central element in American culture. It traces the many changes that have affected the workforce and work environments over the past 150 years. With less events taking place during the summer, this is a great time to visit the Museum and see the exhibit.

The Historical Society is hoping to continue strengthening their relationship with the Smithsonian, so that one day they may be able to bring back to Marco Island many of the artifacts from the Cushing

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Commissioner, Marco Island
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Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways at Residents' Beach, February 8th, 2015





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Rookery Bay Reserve Receives \$10,000 from Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation

by Renée Wilson, Regional Communications Coordinator, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve has received \$10,000 from the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation to support a graduate student to complement existing shark research underway by reserve staff and volunteers.

Fisheries and shark nursery assessment programs have been underway at the reserve for nearly 15 years. The results from this long-term study help scientists understand how sharks and other fish respond to changes in quality, quantity and timing of freshwater delivery to the estuary.

“We are very excited to offer this opportunity to a student wishing to advance our collective knowledge of shark populations in the estuaries within Rookery Bay Reserve,” said Gary Lytton, the reserve’s director. “Over time, the reserve has worked with several programs, including NOAA’s Graduate Research Fellowship program, to develop our fellowship program and conduct several key research projects.”

According to Lytton, graduate student research is an excellent opportunity to establish and enhance collaborative partnerships with university professors, state and federal agencies, independent research institutions and non-profit organizations.

“We are thrilled to continue our support of the Rookery Bay Reserve with this donation,” says Guy Harvey. “Getting students out on the water is key to fostering future stewards of our marine resources.”

Supporting graduate research directly helps the reserve meet its mission in several ways. Most directly, the students’ contribution to the body of scientific knowledge produced within the reserve can aid in resource management decisions. Additionally, the program encourages the education of future scientists; this program will result in submission of peer-reviewed scientific publications, conference presentations, public outreach events and inter-agency collaboration.



Rookery Bay staff and volunteers releasing a juvenile bonnethead shark.

Rookery Bay Reserve, managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Florida Coastal Office in cooperation with NOAA, encompasses 110,000 acres of coastal lands and waters between Naples and Everglades National Park. Rookery Bay Reserve serves as an outdoor classroom and laboratory. For more information visit www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal or www.rookerybay.org.



Artificial Reef Program Successful

by Nancy Richie, Former Environmental Specialist, City Of Marco Island

Everyone coming or going from Marco Island has had to have noticed the very large barge and tug boat and all the concrete material on the southeast side of the Jolley Bridge. Though not glamorous, what is on display is the much anticipated artificial reef project underway. The staging of material and McCulley Marine Services' ocean-going tug and barge at the base of the Jolley Bridge surprisingly is the only site in Collier County for such a large vessel and this type of loading activities. It is the site for deployment of 36 artificial reefs at six legacy sites offshore Collier County. Each barge load is 500 tons of clean concrete material that was donated for the creation of the reefs. Since the first deployment on January 9th, 2015, barge deployments have occurred, creating seventeen 500-ton reefs offshore Collier County. Marco Island's reefs are set to deploy in late May, weather permitting.



Tug and loaded barge ready to deploy material at reef site, photo by Bryan Fluech

When the project is completed this summer, there will be two legacy reef sites off the City of Naples with six reefs each, two legacy reef sites off unincorporated Collier County with six reefs each, and two legacy reef sites off Marco Island with six reefs each. The benefit of this project for our community is two-fold; creating underwater habitat in the Gulf of Mexico for a myriad of species, such as soft corals, sponges, tunicates, alga, crustaceans, mollusks, fish, even sea turtles and also increasing and creating recreational destinations for fishing and diving that will create an economic impact of \$30 million annually. An additional, secondary benefit that needs to be noted is removing 18,000 tons of

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Reef material deployed



Fish swim at artificial reef



Goliath grouper finds a hideout



Marco Urgent Care Center



The Marco Urgent Care Center is open 7 days a week from 8am - 7:30pm for the treatment of non-emergencies, illnesses, and minor injuries. Our center is staffed by board-certified physicians and licensed clinical professionals. The Urgent Care Center is a part of the NCH Healthcare System - the first in Florida to become a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network. That means our medical staff has access to all of the world-renowned resources NCH and Mayo Clinic have to offer our patients. If a condition arises which you feel cannot wait until you can schedule an appointment with your physician or it's after hours, urgent care may be an appropriate choice for you. Some reasons you might choose to come to the Marco Urgent Care Center include:

- Mild asthma
- Animal - insect bites/stings
- Cold & flu symptoms
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2015 Hurricane Season

by Jim von Rintel, CEM, FPEM, CFM

June 1st marks the official start of the Hurricane season here in Southwest Florida. *Last year MICA updated its Hurricane Preparedness Guide for Marco Island* with all of the current local information and emergency procedures including many handy checklists and a lot of helpful preparedness information. The MICA Hurricane Preparedness Guide is available at: MICA main office, The Marco Island Library, Marco Island City Hall, The Marco Island Fire Station and at the Residents' Beach Gatehouse.

We all hope for another quiet hurricane season this year – but remember it only takes one storm. Being prepared is one way to not worry and enjoy the summer season on our beautiful island paradise. Pick up a MICA Hurricane Preparedness Guide today and get started.



2015 Storm Names

Ana - Bill - Claudette - Danny - Erika - Fred
Grace - Henri - Ida - Joaquin
Kate - Larry - Mindy - Nicholas - Odette - Peter
Rose - Sam - Teresa - Victor - Wanda

Remember

- Persons needing assistance to evacuate due to age or medical issues should register with the Collier County Special Needs Program by calling (239) 252-3600, or by going on line to www.collierem.org
- Register with the City of Marco Island Code Red System which will provide you with emergency messages from the City of Marco Island by going to the City web site at: www.cityofmarcoisland.com
- Prepare now for hurricane season. Everyone should have a plan to evacuate – know where you are going, how to get there and what you are going to take with you. Have a plan to secure your home.
- Storms that don't require evacuation still might cause extended periods of power and utility outages – always have 3 to 5 days worth of food, water and other emergency supplies on-hand (pg 8 of the MICA Guide)
- Follow the direction of the City Officials and Emergency personnel. If you have questions now is the time to ask.

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The Marco Island Civic Association

by Ruth McCann, Executive Director

As I'm sure you have read in local newspapers, the year 2015 marks the 50th Anniversary of modern Marco Island. We must thank the Mackle Brothers and the Deltona Corporation for gathering us all together and for bringing wonderful memories to generations of families.

The original days of the Marco Island Civic Association date back to 1966 when a few pioneer residents of Marco Island started a social club known as 'The Residents' Club' for the purpose of "getting acquainted." For the first two years the club met in the sales meeting room at the Deltona Administration Building. The meetings were held in the fashion of New England town hall gatherings. Four officers were elected with no other board members. A brief constitution and bylaws were handwritten. The first president was a Mr. Goldberg. Unfortunately, little is known of our first president.

In addition to the occasional social function, the early club was used as a grievance organization and a sounding board for disgruntled people with property and building problems.

In 1968, with Jack Horton as president, 'The Residents' Club' became the Marco Island Civic Association. New bylaws were instituted and the first member-elected board of directors was put in place. As more civic problems arose MICA gave its attention to community affairs. It was also 1968 that MICA changed its meeting place to the original Yacht Club. As Marco Island continued its rapid growth MICA became the main defender of homeowners' rights on the island and a significant homeowners' association emerged that defended property rights and promoted civic causes. MICA regularly appeared in front of the Collier County Commissioners on behalf of the residents of Marco Island.

In 1973 the first MICA Articles of Incorporation were filed and the first incorporators and officers of MICA were Harold Curtis, Anne Miller, and Arlene Key.

Two very unique events took place that made MICA stand out from all other civic associations in Florida. First was receiving the deed to the Residents'



Deltona assigns deed restriction authority to MICA, October 30, 1986.

Richard McMahon, Esq.; J Barrett White, MICA President; James Stackpoole, Vice-President Deltona Corporation.

Beach from the Deltona Corporation in 1975. Another milestone was in 1986 when Deltona, as the subdivider of Marco Island, assigned MICA all the subdivider's rights to enforce the Deed Restrictions on Marco Island.

MICA was then responsible and obligated to enforce Deed Restrictions that are part of most of the property deeds on Marco. In 1999, Deltona assigned all subdivider rights it had retained to MICA in an out-of-court settlement.

In 1995 developer Jack Antaramian deeded the park property at Collier Boulevard and Swallow Avenue to MICA. MICA named the park in honor of golf legend Gene Sarazen who lived on Marco Island. MICA has added electric, playground, restroom facilities and the largest chickee on Marco Island to Sarazen Park.

These unique events have allowed MICA to become the largest civic association in the state of Florida. Membership in the Marco Island Civic Association and Marco Island Residents' Beach totals more than 20,000.

Members now enjoy professionally staffed office and beach properties. MICA has its own newsletter, members' discount program, a professionally



administered Architectural Review Committee, and we monitor all levels of government on behalf of our members.

I think we all can agree that Marco Island Residents' Beach is one of the most beautiful in our great nation and is known as "The Crown Jewel" of our island. This wonderful facility is a towering example of what an active and well administered civic association can accomplish with the strong support of its community.

In 2006 MICA constructed a new beach pavilion at the Marco Island Residents' Beach. The building, constructed in the "Olde Florida" style, incorporates the food concession, restrooms, and maintenance storage.

MICA continues to make improvements to Residents' Beach and Sarazen Park. Artwork has been put in place at both properties in partnership with Marco Island Foundation for the Arts. The Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System was installed at Residents' Beach in 2014. Each year a series of "Concerts on the Green" is held at the beach, as well as a wonderful Fourth of July Celebration. MICA contributes annually to the July Fourth fireworks display.

To educate the community, MICA hosts a City Council Candidates Forum, Coffee with the Councilors, and updated its Hurricane Preparation Guide. In addition, each year members are surveyed about recent and upcoming issues of importance.

MICA has enjoyed serving the residents of Marco Island and celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Modern Marco! Here's to another 50!

News from Across the Bridge ***Continued from page 7***

Expedition in the last 1800's. They especially have their eye on the Marco Cat! The Historical Society is in a fundraising mode right now to raise the money that will be needed to bring these rare artifacts back to Marco Island. Some of these artifacts are also located in London, England, and some are in Pennsylvania. A lot of work and money will be needed to bring them back "home", but this Society is determined to get the job done. When the museum was designed, it contained a special room that was then built to specifications mandated by the Smithsonian to meet their requirements before a loan of the Marco Cat could be accomplished. If anyone is interested in helping in this endeavor, please contact Pat Rutledge at the Marco Historical Society to offer your assistance. You will be graciously received.

The Panera Bread Restaurant should be open for business by the time you read this column. Many people have anxiously awaited their entrance to the U.S. 41 E corridor located in the Shoppes of Eagle Creek. Also, the Culver's Restaurant has broken ground on U.S. 41 E adjacent to the new Isles of Collier Preserve development, near Rattlesnake Hammock Road. If you are up north when you read this, it should be open by the time you return! I'll be the first in line to welcome them. I've heard so many great comments from Wisconsin people who rave about their food and ice cream. Enjoy your summer! Hopefully, it's the best ever!

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Let's Talk Turtle

by Stephen Barker

The Loggerhead sea turtle is the most frequently observed turtle in SW Florida waters and with courtship activity occurring in late April to early June, nesting isn't far behind. Females nest a few weeks after mating with most activity on Marco beaches between May 1st and the end of September. Mating is triggered by the Gulf water temperature and, with the warmer weather in March this year leading to warmer Gulf temperatures, it is possible we will see another early start to nesting season in 2015.

Hind flippers for digging, front flippers for covering..

The female crawls ashore at night, digs a shallow pit for her body and begins digging the hole for her eggs with her hind flippers. She then deposits between 70 and 150 white, ping-pong ball sized eggs and fills in the hole. To camouflage the nest, she roughs up sand in a four foot area around it using her front flippers.

CSI crime scene or has Mary been here?

Some of you may wonder what the yellow tape and sticks are that suddenly sprout up overnight on the beach. It isn't a CSI crime scene, it's there to mark a new turtle's nest so that beachgoers don't accidentally interfere with the nest and eggs. Mary Nelson, aka The Turtle Lady, has been monitoring turtle activity on Marco beaches since 1995 and (together with 10 local volunteers) is responsible for the tape and sticks. Mary has a wealth of knowledge about turtles and is out every morning in turtle season, so if you see her at a new nest, false crawl or on her ATV, say hello and see what she is up to.

How you can help...

All being well, that first nest should hatch sometime towards the end of June/beginning of July. Once hatching starts, the race is on. As though a starter gun went off, the hatchlings all come out at once. They must find their way to the surf in the darkness by heading toward the brightest horizon. This is why it is extremely important to regulate beach lighting to prevent hatchlings from becoming disorientated. You should also keep the beach free of litter and barriers, take away what you bring and clear away sandcastles or trenches that you or your children might construct.

Please....

**Keep the beach dark
Don't leave holes in the sand
Take your litter home**

***Report injured or dead turtles or
disoriented hatchlings to Mary Nelson at
239.289.9736 or Collier County Sea Turtle
Protection at 239.252 2952.***

**A false turtle crawl on
Sand Dollar Spit**



**A baby turtle rescued from
a hatched nest excavated by
Mary Nelson**



**A marked turtle nest on
Sand Dollar Spit**



Did you know?

- Sea turtle nesting season runs from May 1st to October 31st.
- Female turtles return to the very same beach where they hatched.
- It is estimated that only 1 in 1,000 hatchlings reach adulthood.
- Females lay 3 to 5 nests, and sometimes more, during a single nesting season but they only nest every 2 to 3 years.
- Loggerheads eat conch, whelks, crabs, horseshoe crabs, shrimp, jellyfish, which is their favorite treat!
- Loggerhead turtles can survive up to 70 years or more.
- When the female is not nesting, she may travel thousands of miles.
- The temperature of the sand determines the sex of the hatchlings. Sand above 82 degrees produces more females.
- During the three months that a female breeds, she will lay 35lbs of eggs or more and travel hundreds of miles, all without eating anything significant.



Above - New turtle hatchling making its way to the water for the first time.

Below - Caution tape surrounding nest.



Summary of Turtle 2014 (2013) nesting season

Total **hatched nests** on Marco beaches:

Hideaway:	10 (5) out of 11 (5)	-	1037 (521) hatchlings
Main Beach:	17 (14) out of 25 (21)	-	1392 (1415) hatchlings
Sand Dollar:	18 (30) out of 24 (35)	-	1505 (2350) hatchlings
N Sand Dollar:	10 (23) out of 13 (32)	-	773 (2200) hatchlings

A total of 4707(6486) **hatchlings** from 55 (72) successful nests.

A further 18 (21) nests were either washed out or inundated.

Most number of eggs in one nest: 154 (147)

Most hatchlings from one nest: 137 (139)

Highest percentage of eggs hatched in one nest: 100% (96%)

First nest:	May 9 th	(May 2 nd)
Last nest:	August 3 rd	(August 8 th)
First nest to hatch:	July 11 th	(July 9 th)
Last nest to hatch:	October 2 nd	(October 16 th)
Shortest incubation:	52 days	(55 days)
Longest incubation:	72 days	(75 days)

Disorientated Nests:

7 (3) most caused by urban glow

Data provided by Mary Nelson,
Collier County Sea Turtle Protection Program



Artificial Reef Program... **Continued from page 11**

concrete from the county landfill, creating more space and a longer life for our community's landfill. The reuse of this material to improve the environment is recycling at its best.

The project, now known as Paradise Reef: Artificial Reef Project, began as little as two years ago when Naples attorney Peter Flood, an avid boater and fisherman, read a Florida Sea Grant study and wondered why we couldn't construct a large project of artificial reefs in our community. He approached the Economic Recovery Task Force and a project was born. A team of experts was assembled, a business plan written and the project plan developed. The City of Marco Island, City of Naples and Collier County Government each submitted grant applications to the BP Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund. All three entities received grant funding, totaling 1.3 million dollars for the construction of 36 artificial reefs at six legacy sites offshore Collier County. With a business plan in place, the project is to be augmented by private donations through an agreement with the Community Foundation of Collier County; no public or tax payer dollars, are to be used. All three local government entities along with Peter Flood, Diane Flagg of the Collier County Economic Recovery Task Force, and coastal experts Turrell, Hall & Associates and renowned artificial reef expert Dr. Heyward Matthews a.k.a. Dr. Reef, designed, planned, permitted, and now are deploying the 36 artificial reefs.

Each of the 36 reefs is 500 tons of material located within one of the six legacy reef sites that are a ¼ by ¼ mile in size. This design creates optimum fishery habitat and nearby diving destinations for a one day trip. 18,000 tons of material was generously donated by dozens of groups including, FDOT, FPL, LCEC, Big Cypress National Preserve, City of Naples, H&J Contracting, Willow Run Quarry, Collier County Road & Bridge, and many more. The reefs will allow, not only habitat, diving, and fishing, but research and study opportunities of the Gulf of Mexico marine life for many years to come.

So, fast forward two years until today and the reef team from grant writing, diving and surveying the Gulf of Mexico for appropriate locations, permitting, planning, advertising, promoting, and now to construction; the artificial reefs are already seeing success. Survey dives of the first reefs deployed off of the City of Naples show pioneer growth of algae and mollusks. Crustaceans, such as stone crabs, are living on the reefs and schools of baitfish and larger fish swim and swirl around the structures. Already, three Goliath Groupers have found a home within the new artificial reefs. - 04/11/2015

Nancy Richie, a resident of Marco Island for 23 years and the former Environmental Specialist for the City of Marco Island for 15 years, is a marine biologist. While she is pursuing a national board review to be a Certified Environmental Professional, she owns and operates Island Environmental & Marine Services, LLC, offering full service environmental surveying, assessments and solutions, biological monitoring, project management, and environmental permit and grant writing services to assist and ensure clients are in compliance with environmental regulations.

How Can You Help?

Please go to www.cfcollier.org and click on the link "Name A Reef!", or mail a check (with Artificial Reef Fund in memo line) payable to the Community Foundation of Collier County, 2400 Tamiami Trail N, Suite 300, Naples, FL 34103. If you have any questions, please call 239-649-5000. There are several fantastic opportunities to support the Paradise Reef: Artificial Reef Project:

- **The Legacy Reef** - Four of the six reef sites are remaining - \$100,000
- **Artificial Reef Module** - The pyramid-like modules are constructed with limestone rock and once deployed at a reef site create a feeding and shelter habitat for marine life - \$2,500
- **Friends of the Reef** - Your donation contributes to improving the ecosystem and strengthening the economy of Collier County - \$25 to \$2,500
- **Paradise Reef: The World Is Watching** - The documentary film of "one of the largest artificial reef projects in the Western Hemisphere" produced by Pure Image Productions and secured by Public Broadcasting Services (PBS) will be shown worldwide; film dedication - \$500,000



Marco Island Shell Club Celebrates the Success of the 35th Annual Shell Show

by Jae Kellogg, 2015 Shell Show Chair

Thank You! Marco Island and surrounding Collier County communities!

Once again, the 35th Annual Marco Island Shell Show was a huge success! Iberia Bank, CJs on the Bay, Friends of Rookery Bay, and Florida Gulf Coast University were among community sponsors of our show this year. Their generosity was greatly appreciated!

A first-time community wide "contest" was enjoyed by many visitors to the show - The Hunt for An Anomaly! In the kid's division Maxwell and Olivia Blondeau won the award for their cone shells with the numbers 3 and 5 on them in honor of our 35th Anniversary!

Thanks also to Golden Gate Jewelers, Marco Island Center for the Arts, and Rookery Bay Kayaks for the wonderful prizes!

Although we had four amazing judges who were responsible for all of the awards given to over 150 Scientific and Artistic exhibits in this year's show, over 2500 people visited our show having a hand - and did a great job - in choosing the winners for our 2015 People's Choice Awards!

To see more pictures and see award winners, please visit our website www.Marcoshellclub.com.

See you next year - March 10-12, 2016!



*Left: Marge Tunnell,
People's Choice Scientific
Award Winner*



*Above :Maxwell
and Olivia Blondeau*

*Right: Georgia Lohmeyer,
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Rookery Bay Reserve and Audubon Partner to Protect Shorebirds

*by Renée Wilson, Regional Communications Coordinator,
Florida Department of Environmental Protection,
Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve*

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve manages 40 percent of Collier County's coastline, which serves as crucial habitat for many species of migratory and nesting birds. Rookery Bay Reserve, in partnership with Audubon Florida and Audubon of the Western Everglades, is pleased to welcome new Shorebird Monitoring and Stewardship Project Manager Adam DiNuovo.

DiNuovo will work with research and stewardship staff at Rookery Bay Reserve to monitor seasonal beach-nesting bird colonies, over-wintering shorebird population trends, spring/fall migratory events, and habitat on mainland beaches as well as on remote, offshore islands. He will also recruit and train bird stewards as part of a wider education and outreach initiative within Collier and Lee Counties. Audubon Florida has funded this position for a minimum of two years.

"The reserve will greatly benefit from this enhanced monitoring and stewarding effort to support regional management and protection of beach-nesting birds and their habitat," said Rookery Bay Reserve's Research Coordinator Kevin Cunniff.

During the breeding season, which runs from March through August, DiNuovo will be responsible for performing beach-nesting bird monitoring and protection work. Post breeding season, his role will shift to assisting regional monitoring efforts directed at assessing shorebird population status and trends.

"This new position will not only help all of us better understand the regional status and trends of nesting and migratory birds, but will also enable us to better engage the public around coastal bird conservation," said Marianne Korosy, Audubon Florida's important bird area coordinator. "We're grateful to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund for the funding to help us support Rookery Bay and the region's devoted bird stewards."

Rookery Bay Reserve, Audubon Florida and Audubon of the Western Everglades are all members of the Collier County Shorebird Partnership, which has been working collaboratively and meeting semi-annually since 2000. The partnership also includes members from local, state and federal agencies, as well as local non-profit organizations.

In Collier County, 99 percent of all shorebird

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Upcoming Events at Rookery Bay Reserve

Tuesdays, May 5th – 26th, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Guided Kayak Tours of Rookery Bay and its surroundings provide a two-hour, up-close and personal experience of this irreplaceable national treasure. The cost is \$55 (\$45 for members) and includes kayak, all equipment, paddling instruction and admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center on the day of the tour. Paddlers must be 12 years of age or older and weigh less than 250 pounds.

May 25th – September 23rd

South Florida Birds and Gardens photography exhibit in the Rookery Bay Art Gallery boasts a selection of photographs by Kirsten Hines drawn from her two recent books, *Attracting Birds to South Florida Gardens* and *Birds of Fairchild*. An opening reception is scheduled for May 27th. Reception cost is \$3 and includes refreshments.

Wednesdays, June 10th – August 5th, 10 – 11 a.m.

Art for Mom & Me features local artist Marjorie Pesek leading this one-hour workshop for children and adults. She will share her unique art technique of Layered Imagery. Each parent and child will team up to create a masterpiece to take home. Registration fee is \$25 and includes one adult, one child (age 5+) and all supplies. Participants enjoy complimentary admission to the Environmental Learning Center with registration.

Fridays, June 12th – August 7th, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Kids Free Fridays is a summer education program that offers free admission for children ages 12 and younger who are accompanied by an adult (up to 5 children per adult). Adult tickets cost \$5. Scheduled activities include story time, naturalist presentation, crafts, films and marine animal touch tank. Registration is not required.

Rookery Bay Shorebirds - continued

nesting is on beaches. Least tern and black skimmer nesting data has been recorded in Collier County since 1972 as part of a long-term coastal waterbird monitoring effort. The Big Marco Pass Critical Wildlife Area's least tern and black skimmer colony is consistently ranked as one of the largest colonies in Florida.

To get involved in the bird steward program in Collier County contact the Shorebird Monitoring and Stewardship Project Manager Adam DiNuovo at adinuovo@audubon.org or 413-896-4751.

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve encompasses 110,000 acres of coastal lands and waters on the southwest Florida coast. It is managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with NOAA.
www.rookerybay.org

Events are located at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road, Naples, unless otherwise noticed. Registration is required for fee-based programs. For more information about all events, visit <https://rookerybay.org/>.

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Nobel Prizes, Landscapes and Crab Cakes

By Steve Preston, Collier County Pollution Control

In 1898, Sir William Crookes called on science to save Europe from impending starvation. The crux of the matter was a lack of nitrogen as fertilizer to grow food. It took until 1912 to develop a viable means of producing the nitrogen for fertilizer. Fritz Haber, a young German Jewish chemist, was awarded a Nobel Prize and the world averted starvation. Unfortunately, with a plentiful supply of fixated nitrogen, mankind was also free to make unlimited explosives and two world wars ensued.

As if that isn't irony enough, here we are 100 years later and we are faced with how to control the use of fertilizer so that we don't lose one of our major sources of sustenance: seafood. Let me explain. Fertilizer that gets into our waterways accelerates the growth of algae, which quickly out-competes fish and shellfish for oxygen that is in the water. Without oxygen, these creatures suffocate (die). The world's oceans are becoming depleted by several stressors and fertilizer is a major one.

Interesting, but why the history and science lessons? It's because in 2011 the county passed an ordinance that limits the use of fertilizer in landscapes, and understanding the "why" will hopefully motivate you to follow it (instead of because a regulation says you have to!). The ordinance has requirements for commercial landscapers and offers guidance for everybody else.

If you hire a lawn maintenance company directly or through your property management company, your part is simple: hire commercial fertilizer applicators who are certified and follow their advice. They shouldn't be hard to find since the county ordinance requires that at least one employee be certified by Feb. 5, 2012, and in January 2014 the Florida Department of Agriculture began requiring certification. All companies that perform lawn maintenance or landscaping in the City of Marco Island must have at least one supervisor plus 10% of field staff Green Industries Best Management

Practices (GI-BMP) certified, plus have at least one GI-BMP staff member at each work location. All GI-BMP certified companies must be registered with the City of Marco Island and obtain a vehicle sticker for each vehicle.

As with any service, it's good to notice that the company is following a couple of basics in case somebody didn't get the memo. There should be no application during identified storm "Watch" or "Warning" periods; no fertilizer or lawn and grass clippings left on impervious surfaces or near water. Blowing this stuff into a storm drain is like throwing it directly into the lake or canal since they are all connected. It should be swept into the yard where it can do some good. Your commercial landscaper should have taken the Florida-Friendly Best Management Practices for Protection of Water Resources training to become certified; verify that they have, and then follow their advice.

These rules should also be followed by do-it-yourselfers (DIY's) to minimize expense and the stress on our waters. In addition DIY's can help by following these tips: use slow-release fertilizer; more is not better; measure your yard to determine how much fertilizer to buy; follow package directions; fertilize when the grass is actively growing.

Florida-Friendly landscaping information is available to all. The Florida Yards and Neighborhood handbook contains excellent guidance. It is available at <http://www.dontoverfeed.com> along with more information on Florida-Friendly landscaping and the information mentioned in this article.

We can have our beautiful green and flowered landscapes and our crab cakes too if we can agree to control ourselves with the fertilizer and lawn clippings.

For more information on the Collier County Fertilizer Ordinance visit

www.dontoverfeed.com

or call 239-252-5862.

Don't forget to check city ordinances.





Marco's Favorite - Johnny Fusco, March 1st, 2015



Calusa Garden Club Concludes Another Banner Year

by Nancy Reynolds

Marco Island's Calusa Garden Club will conclude their year shortly after this issue is printed. The last items on the agenda are the annual spring luncheon, installation of officers, and the naming of the local students receiving 'camperships' to Camp Wekiva, located near Apopka, Florida.

Members are celebrating a fun, informative, and busy year. Meetings began on the second Monday of October when Dr. Gary Schmelz provided the program on "Wildflowers of Southwest Florida." November brought gardening expert and columnist, Monica Brandies, who demonstrated proper container gardening and also sold some of her books. The annual holiday party at president Dale DeFeo's home included a gift exchange raffle, light refreshments, and a demonstration of "Easy Christmas Designs" by Connie Lowery and Opi DeFalco.

In preparation for the March flower show, Dale DeFeo, a nationally known floral designer, teacher, and judge, presented the program "Blue Ribbon Horticulture and Pot e'fleur." In February, noted floral designer, Kathleen Hawrylluk, demonstrated "Multi-Rhythmic & Construction Designs." Craig Morell gave the March program "Bridging the Generation Gap from Older Gardening Tactics to Modern Horticulture." Linda Colombo was responsible for booking the year's programs.

Calusa Garden Club has other activities which inform and educate. Sue Oldershaw is in charge of a group called the 'Gad-A-Bouts.' Oldershaw finds interesting events or places in the area and invites members to join her on trips to visit and learn. During the past season the 'Gad-A-Bouts' toured Riverland Nursery, saw the Christmas Lights at Palm





Opi DeFalco and Linda Walker with some of the Tommie Barfield Junior Gardeners



October Floral Design Workshop at the Marco Island library

Cottage, went to the Naples Zoo and Gardens, visited the Corkscrew Swamp Boardwalk, toured the Clyde Butcher Gallery, took a ranger guided tour of the Everglades, and ended the year at the Naples Botanical Gardens and the Naples Flower Show.

Prior to each monthly meeting various club members hold optional workshops. The first workshop dealt with dish gardening and was hosted by Lori Fredericks and Sue Oldershaw. Connie Lowery presented a workshop about air plants and Maria Lamb gave a tour of her yard and landscaping while speaking about Bromeliads. Two additional workshops during the year dealt with floral design in preparation for the flower show.

The annual flower show was held in March at the Marco Island Center for the Arts and was titled "The Beautiful 'B's' of Island Living ~ Beach, Birding, Boating, Building." Sue Oldershaw chaired the event. After the judging, but before opening the show to the public, club members celebrated by hosting a cocktail party on the premises. As always, the flower show was free to the public.

Members of the club are active throughout the community. Bonnie Coleman held a floral design workshop for local residents at the Marco Island Library. She was assisted by many of the floral designers from the club. Linda Walker and Opi DeFalco, along with other members, head the Tommie Barfield Junior Gardeners. Marianne Foley organizes Flowers in Public Places where floral designs are strategically placed throughout Marco Island for the public to enjoy. Fifteen floral designers from the club produced and donated floral centerpieces which were raffled at the annual breast cancer luncheon held at Bistro Soleil on March 10. Opi DeFalco organized a day-long field trip by bus which was open to the public, to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, located in metropolitan Miami, just south of Coral Gables. Linda Turner keeps the club and members of the community informed about environmental issues. Donna Kay, Linda Colombo, Susan LaGrotta, and Linda Turner are on the Marco Island Beautification Committee and this year Donna Kay chairs Marco in Bloom. Club members also donate their time to the upkeep of the Blue Star Memorial Marker and its surrounding landscaping.

Calusa Garden Club meets the second Monday of the month from October through April. Most meetings are held in Fellowship Hall of Wesley United Methodist Church, 350 South Barfield. Prior to the 12:45 meetings an optional workshop and social time are held and a program follows each meeting. Visitors are welcome for a \$10 donation. For further information call 239-394-1425 or visit the website at calusa.org.

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