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# President's Message

*by Kathryn Sullivan,  
President, MICA Board of Directors*

We appreciate the more than 2,000 members who took the time to complete the membership survey in June. Results were tabulated and appear on page 14. As a side note, if we have your email address, the survey was emailed to you. If you are a MICA member and think you did not receive a survey from us, please check that we have the email address that you currently use.

The MICA Board of Directors held a workshop in September to go through your input and will be taking steps to address your concerns. We heard you loud and clear, that you want to keep Marco Island the paradise that you all enjoy.

A majority of the comments pertain to issues that only the City of Marco Island can address, such as infrastructure, parking, construction debris, short term rentals of single-family homes, and overgrown sidewalks, to name a few. The MICA Board met with City Manager Mike McNees on October 7, and he was receptive to receiving your comments (See photos below).

With regard to question 2, "what issues would you like to see addressed at a MICA-sponsored forum," the overwhelming response was water quality and our Marco Island ecological environment.

Each Fall, MICA sponsors a beach cleanup in conjunction with the City of Marco Island's Beach & Coastal Resources Advisory Committee and the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce. The most recent beach cleanup occurred the morning of October 12. We were thrilled to have almost 100 members join in. As always, the largest number of items collected were cigarette butts! Runners up, and nothing to be proud of, included straws, wrappers and more plastic than you could count!

Of course, the goal of a cleanup is to keep trash off of the sand and out of the Gulf of Mexico, thereby reducing the trash consumed by birds and fish. We accomplished this goal on that Saturday morning, but more is needed. The MICA Board of Directors is planning an all-inclusive Environmental Action Forum. While you await further details about the forum, we encourage you to consider and adopt ways you can reduce your single-use plastic consumption.



*Kathy Sullivan, President,  
MICA Board of Directors*



*The MICA Board of Directors recently met with City Manager Mike McNees*





We appreciate all of the compliments about Marco Island Residents' Beach. It is a true gem of a beachfront park and much effort is put forth by staff and the board to maintain and improve it. Speaking of maintenance, you may have noticed that the Millennium Fountain is up and running after experiencing multiple leaks. Repair of a fountain of this magnitude is formidable and a professional was located. Many thanks to Robert of Crystal Waterscapes for his expertise in retrofitting the fountain to current standards.

MICA's Holiday Celebration will be held on Saturday, December 28, at 3 p.m., at Residents' Beach. We look forward to the fantastic sound of the Girls of Motown, face painting, photo booth, and kids' craft. The Holiday Celebration is always a fun family day at the park. Bring the kids and grandchildren for a fantastic afternoon.

The 2020 Season Entertainment Schedule will soon be released and posted on MICA's website, [www.marcocivic.com](http://www.marcocivic.com).

If you are a member of an island group or organization and would like to arrange for a speaker from the MICA Board of Directors, please call Ruth McCann at the MICA office at 239-642-7778.

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# Lake Okeechobee

## Key to Water in South Florida

*by Charlette Roman,  
Governing Board Member, South Florida water Management District*

In Southwest Florida, we have two government agencies responsible for making this beautiful place we call home habitable for people. I have the honor of chairing the Big Cypress Basin Board and serving on the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board. Even if you haven't heard of these agencies, you have very likely benefitted from the services they provide. Together, they manage the flood protection system, ensure adequate water supply for our communities, and safeguard the precious natural resources for our area. The two agencies have received much more attention lately because of our new Governor and his unwavering commitment to tackling Florida's tough water issues.

As a resident of Marco Island for many years, I want to call your attention to the faraway lake that plays such an important role in the Everglades, which our communities border. That is the famed Lake Okeechobee. This beautiful lake is probably the most important body of water in Florida and is definitely the largest.

In fact, you cannot have a conversation about protecting residents in South Florida from flooding, as well as restoring and protecting the quality of water and the ecosystems that provide the quality of life for all species, human or otherwise, without mentioning Lake "O." This lake is also crucial to ensuring adequate water supply for families, businesses, and the environment to thrive now and in the future. I am honored to be part of the effort to restore the lake and the Everglades which depend on the lake. For all those reasons, and more, I'd like to tell you a little bit about Lake O and how it impacts us all.



*Charlette Roman,  
Governing Board Member,  
South Florida water  
Management District*



*Indian Prairie Marsh Lake Okeechobee - photo by C. Roman*





Lake Okeechobee was named by Native Americans and means “big water.” Measuring 730 square miles, it is not only the biggest lake in Florida, but is also the largest lake in the southeastern United States. This shallow lake is commonly referred to as the “Liquid Heart of the Everglades” for good reason. Just about everything in South Florida’s ecosystem, from the Everglades to places like Marco Island, is impacted by what happens in Lake Okeechobee and its neighboring wetlands.

Most of the water that enters the lake begins far north in swamps near Orlando, reaching the lake via the Kissimmee River. The waters then flow south from the lake and reach all the way to Florida Bay, the large bay between the mainland of Florida and the iconic chain of islands called the Florida Keys. Water also escapes the lake through human-made changes that connected rivers to the east and west from Lake Okeechobee to coastal estuaries. These are better known as the St. Lucie Estuary in Martin County and the Caloosahatchee Estuary in Lee County.

In the past, Lake Okeechobee and the Everglades, as a whole, were much larger. Back then, the heavy rains natural and crucial to our environment would cause Lake O to routinely overflow its southern banks. Although this provided flow that was needed for the environment, the torrent of water, especially during the wet season, could cause dangerous and even fatal flooding for communities south of the lake.

Almost a century ago, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers responded to this seasonal flooding and built the massive 143 mile-long earthen Herbert Hoover Dike. It contained the lake and also made it smaller and deeper. This dike around the lake and the regional flood control system, built in large part by the Army Corps and operated by the South Florida Water Management District, protect all our homes from being flooded after a storm and allow us to live in South Florida. Without the dike and the series of canals and flood control structures in and around the lake, South Florida would likely be uninhabitable much of the year and most certainly would not be the thriving area it is today.



*Lake Okeechobee visible from space*

*Lake Okeechobee  
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*Eel Grass cleans the water and provides excellent habitat for bass - photo by C. Roman*







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# **Celebrating the Life of Past Member of the MICA Board of Directors C. James “Jim” Curran November 18, 1930 – June 20, 2019**



C. James “Jim” Curran, age 88, of Marco Island, Florida passed away on Thursday June 20, 2019. “Jim” was born November 18, 1930 in Massachusetts. He proudly served his country in The Korean War from 1951-1953 with The United States Air Force. He graduated from Michigan State University earning a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Business Administration.

Jim was a District Manager for Sears Roebuck & Co. for 35 years. He received many awards and recognitions during his tenure at Sears. Jim and his wife Lori made their first visit to Marco Island in 1987 and became full time residents in 1999. He began his extensive volunteer career on Marco Island as the President of The Smokehouse Bay Club Condominium. Additionally, he served as President of the following clubs and organizations: Marco Association of Condominiums (MAC), Citizens

for a Safer Marco; where he produced the advertising campaign for the Marco Island Police, Club Marco Condominiums, Marco Island YMCA; where he led the campaign to build 8 new clay tennis courts, President of YMCA Tennis Advisory committee, Marco Island Sunrise Rotary, Marco Island City Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Co-Founder and President of Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation; conceived and created the Marco Island annual 9/11 Remembrance Luncheon. Jim was a Member of Marco Island Civic Association (MICA) Board of Directors and a Member of The Board of Trustees of Marco Healthcare Center. He received many special commendations for his service on the YMCA Board, the Sunrise Rotary Club, the City of Marco Island Parks & Recreation Committee and the Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation. Jim was honored to be named the 2004 Marco Island Citizen of the Year. He was also a Member of The Knights of Columbus and an Usher for San Marco Catholic Church for many years. While he enjoyed spending the majority of his day volunteering for the benefit of others, he was always sure to be home in time for dinner.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Lori. Jim has 2 sons, 2 daughters, 2 step-sons and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral mass for “Jim” was held Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Island, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Marco Island Fire Rescue or the Marco Island Police Department Foundations which were very near and dear to his heart.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.hodgesjosberger.com](http://www.hodgesjosberger.com) for the Curran family.





# My Big Dream.

## The BT Hero House Foundation

*by Brandisue Tramazzo, CEO And Founder, BT Hero House Foundation*

I am a Dreamer, and if you live on Marco Island, chances are you are a Dreamer too, because that is what it takes to get here. The impetus of my “Big Dream” was born when the Twin Towers fell. Our nation’s active duty military, which is on the top of the chain of first responders, protected us from further threat. We felt vulnerable, and my heart was very grateful for our active duty military. We are a strong nation because we have a strong military. I wanted to find a way to say “Thank You” to our active duty protectors. I wanted to support them and their families in a unique way because when one family member serves, the whole family serves.

Big Dreams often go against consensus. They are fraught with reluctance, unfamiliarity and inadequacy. There are the naysayers with their discouragement and their practicality. Well-meaning people would say, “Your idea is interesting, but how will you start? How will you get the funds?”

Launching the Big Dream meant taking a risk, and ignoring the naysayers and the doubters. I took a leap of faith, and just kept focusing on baby steps and the very next thing on my “to do” list to make it all come together. My idea was out of my comfort zone, but a Dreamer never stops, and then we served one family. It felt good! Then we served more families. Touching the lives of others is a powerful “feel-good” and well worth the price tag of a Big Dream!

The BT HERO HOUSE FOUNDATION impacts families by bringing a returning Soldier or Airman from a War Zone along with his spouse and children to Marco Island to “reconnect” and reintegrate back into family life.

It is a challenge for both spouses and having the time and place to readjust and recover is a big need for the family. The BT HERO HOUSE uniquely meets this need. We provide a week for returning deployers with accommodations, food, and fun activities for the family to experience. Great memories and meaningful reconnections are made on Marco Island - our Diamond in the Sand.

There was a lot of learning about the needs of our active duty military. Preparation was key in designing the way the foundation would serve our active duties. Like a well-planned Baked Alaska dessert, the BT HERO HOUSE serves up a delicious way to say “thank you” to our military families. Returning home and reconnecting with the family without pressures, a neutral location, and feeling the support of Marco Island is icing on the cake for our military families, who rarely have an opportunity to get away together. This way they can concentrate on one another.



*Two BT Hero House Foundation families enjoying Residents’ Beach during their stay on Marco Island.*





Marco Islanders have given support by lending their houses to these special families. Businesses have given support by offering boat trips, sight-seeing trips, leisurely days at the beach, and exciting times at the Naples Zoo and the Botanical Gardens, to name just a few.

In the Army, they have a term for special supporters. They are called Battle Buddies. A Battle Buddy trusts and believes in you. He places the other first. He never leaves or abandons. He would lay down his life in order to save. Battle Buddies are often assigned but can be a personal choice.

The best thing for the heart is sharing what you have with others. Sharing your home, resources, and this island. Sharing is good at any level. A little can become a lot. A Big Dream requires some key Battle Buddies. If you are a Dreamer, a Doer, or seeking to impact the lives of military families, consider being a Battle Buddy for the BT HERO HOUSE FOUNDATION.

*For more information about the  
Brandi Tramazzo Hero House Foundation,  
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or email  
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## Woodstock Party at Sarazen Park, May 2019

*submitted by Marie Annette Johnson*







## Uncle Sam's Sand Jam - July 4th, 2019







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*Lake Okeechobee*  
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*Lake Okeechobee filter marsh - photo by C. Roman*

The Army Corps is currently rehabilitating that aging earthen dike to ensure it continues to protect residents around the lake from breaching and floods. That rehabilitation is scheduled to be finished by 2022.

Lake Okeechobee also provides natural habitat for fish, wading birds and other wildlife, including many threatened and endangered species. It is a world-class bass fishery that attracts fishing tournaments and boating and recreation enthusiasts from around the world.

Numerous restoration efforts are underway, including critical environmental projects like the much-needed Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir, championed by Gov. DeSantis, as well as changes to how the lake is operated to better manage the flow of water from the lake into the estuaries

and the Everglades. These efforts, complemented by the construction of wetlands that use nature's own technology to remove nutrients from water, will continue to improve the quality of water in the lake, in the coastal estuaries and the Everglades. They will help to ensure that Lake Okeechobee and all of the areas it impacts continue to be healthy and beautiful now and in the future.

Lake Okeechobee is not only "Big Water," but also is "beautiful water;" and it is "crucial water" for everyone and everything in South Florida. The lake provides flood protection and water supply and is essential to the survival of the ecosystem so critically vital to South Florida. For that reason, we should all appreciate, protect and defend our Lake Okeechobee – that wondrous lake in the middle of the Florida peninsula visible from space!



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# Marco Island Civic Association 2019 Membership Survey Results

*6302 surveys were sent to MICA members who are Marco Island improved property owners or annual renters. 2029 surveys were completed and returned*

**1. *Should Residents' Beach & Sarazen Park properties be smoke free?***

Yes 79.4%

No 20.1%

**2. *Would you attend periodic forums on issues of importance if MICA hosted on its own or in cooperation with other organizations?***

Yes 63.3%

No 34.7%

**3. *Fees for City of Marco Island recreational programs, such as exercise classes, are the same for residents and non-residents. Should non-residents pay more than residents for city recreational programs?***

Yes 66.5%

No 33.1%

**4. *Do you feel that an Assisted Living Facility is needed on Marco Island?***

Yes 45.8%

No 51.9%

**5. *The City of Naples has a Mayor/City Council/City Manager form of government in which the mayor is elected directly by the people instead of having a chair elected by city council. The mayor has one vote on city council and day-to-day decisions are made by the city manager. Should the City of Marco Island amend the Charter to change to a Mayor/City Council/City Manager form of government similar to the City of Naples?***

Yes 61.2%

No 31.9%

**6. *A recent op-ed in the Naples Daily News urged City Council to dissolve the Marco Island Police Department and replace it with the Collier County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Marco Island has been named the safest city in the state of Florida after reducing crime by 74%; Marco Police average response time is five minutes, which is considerably shorter than Sheriff's Office historical response time; and Marco Police perform a number of non-crime activities such as finding lost pets, after school events, etc. Marco Island voters voted to institute the Marco Island Police Department, and they would have to vote to dissolve the department. Should Marco dissolve its police department and return to law enforcement provided by the Collier County Sheriff's Office?***

Yes 1.7%

No 85.9%





**7. Now that the Master Plan for Veterans Community Park has been adopted by Marco Island City Council, how should the city proceed? (Please choose one only)**

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|-------|---|
| 29.5% | Approve the funding and implement the project as a whole now. |
| 63.0% | Develop a phasing plan for the development of the park.       |

**8. Collier County recently increased its sales tax from 6% to 7%. The City of Marco Island anticipates approximately \$23 million in additional revenue over the next 7 years. What priorities do you want to see addressed with these funds? (Please choose two only)**

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|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 69.0% | Canal & Beach Water Quality           |
| 46.5% | Roads & Sidewalks                     |
| 16.7% | Veterans' Community Park Improvements |
| 24.5% | Hurricane Preparedness                |
| 27.1% | Parking                               |
| 11.1% | Other                                 |

**9. Other than water rates and parking, what would you like to see improved in the next 1-3 years to make Marco Island an even better place to live, work and play? (Please choose two only)**

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|-------|--|
| 21.1% | Land Development Code                          |
| 63.2% | Canal & Beach Water Quality                    |
| 15.4% | Park Improvements                              |
| 26.4% | Roads  |
| 23.2% | Storm Drains                                   |
| 10.7% | Noise Ordinance                                |
| 21.3% | Short term rental of single-family houses      |
| 17.6% | City Services and Communication with City Hall |

**10. If the city needs to fund important new projects, such as renovating the Fire-Rescue Station, how should such funding be made available? (Please choose one only)**

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|-------|--|
| 6.8%  | By increasing property taxes and committing to bringing taxes back down when the project has been completed                        |
| 20.1% | By borrowing the funds and imposing a special ad valorem tax which goes away when the loan term is over                            |
| 70.2% | By using reserves after they have been built up, thus avoiding tax increases or borrowing, but delaying projects for several years |

*Marco Island Civic Association 2019 Membership Survey  
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**11. Should the City re-visit registering the single-family residential homes (not condominiums) being used as short term rental units which could have multiple family usage?**

Yes 55.9% No 40.0%

**12. Should medical marijuana dispensaries be permitted on Marco Island?**

Yes 41.1% No 56.8%

**13. Vacant lots on Marco Island are quickly being developed. Thus, burrowing owls, which nest best in open surroundings, are losing their nesting ground. Should the City of Marco Island purchase vacant lots for the burrowing owls to nest on?**

Yes 39.0% No 59.8%

**14. Should the City of Marco Island place starter burrows on city-owned land, such as Calusa Park along Winterberry Drive?**

Yes 85.8% No 12.2%

**15. Thousands of new residential units are planned in East Naples and Southern Collier County. Even if Marco Island's population remains constant, traffic congestion is likely to increase as new area residents seek beach access via Marco Island. How should the city respond to this? (Choose all that apply)**

23.3%	Develop commercial land use policies to encourage walkability
34.4%	Facilitate increased public transportation
24.4%	Encourage private transportation options such as Uber or Lyft
43.4%	Facilitate off-island parking with shuttle service for non-residents
34.3%	Expand the Marco Island bicycle trail network
43.4%	Expand on-island parking
43.1%	Charge a toll to non-Marco Island residents who cross a bridge to Marco Island
9.0%	Other

**16. The prevalence of Red Tide and "Green Slime" in the Gulf of Mexico in 2018 have highlighted water quality as an issue of great importance for the economy, public health and quality of life in SW Florida. The causes of poor water quality are numerous. What steps should the city take to do its part in addressing this problem? (Choose all that apply.)**

62.6%	Increase frequency and locations of water quality testing
64.8%	Enforce the city's fertilizer ordinance
74.5%	Advocate for stronger "upstream" pollution prevention measures
65.5%	Identify priority infrastructure improvements to control runoff
7.6%	Other

Responses to questions may total less than 100% due to individuals not answering some questions.





# Residents' Beach - Pre and Post-Regrade



*Last season, Collier County regraded the beach from South Seas Towers to the Royal Seafarer. The goal was to create a more natural slope to reduce ponding. The pictures depict the before and after.*





# MIA Students Create Teaching Mural for Rookery Bay

*by Maria Lamb*

It is a 30-foot long artistic mural portraying the plants, wildlife and research science occurring at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. According to Jeannine Windsor, of the Reserve's Educational Outreach, the mural will be used as a visual teaching tool for Collier County Public Schools' Environmental Education Programs. Rookery Bay Learning Center has taught 32,782 Collier County students on field-trips to the Reserve.

Rookery Bay Field Station at Shell Island Road had a white wall they wanted to fill and they wanted specific images on the mural which would incorporate biological diversity, relationships, learning and protection of the environment. Jeannine Windsor introduced the idea of a person looking into a microscope and discovering life in the estuaries on a microscopic scale.

The shark in the mural represents relationships as they are a great indicator species on the health and stability of the estuaries. They rely on a dynamic food web with relationships that maintain balance in the ecosystem. The aquarium represents learning with visitors looking into an aquarium as if they were in the estuary themselves. The estuary is a nursery for many species depicted in the mural. The sea turtle represents protection. Critical to the mission of the Reserve is the stewardship of the estuaries and the life that exists there. This includes monitoring and protecting the loggerhead sea turtles.

The Rookery Bay mural was part of a summer project for the high school students from Marco Island Academy. It was also a great opportunity for the students to showcase their artistic talents and to make a difference to their community.





Earlier in the year, Rob Eder, the director of the Arts Program at Marco Island Academy, along with the MIA students, completed an art project for the Marco Island Historical Museum. Creating art for public viewing is nothing new to Rob Eder's art students.

The mural was made possible by the generosity of the Marco Island Shell Club with funds for all materials used to create the mural such as brushes, paint and fans.

Credits go to: Original design by Caitlin Libby; Original Calligraphy by Marisa Roath; Master Painter - Kloie Whitman; Painters: Alexis Pratt, Marley Wilson, Sarahi Lopez, Savana Baez, Emma Coppola, Chastity Miller and Angel Owen-Turner; Jeanine Windsor – Reserve Liaison; Rob Eder – Art teacher and Melissa Scott – MIA Principal.

According to Rob Eder, the students worked around 90 hours, 2 to 3 hours a day in June, July and August. The hours creating the mural will count towards the 100 hours community service requirement for graduation.

*Photos by Art Teacher - Rob Eder*



#### *Mural painters:*

*Top: Emma Coppola and Angel Owen-Turner.*

*Middle: Alexis Pratt, Chastity Miller and Emma Coppola.*

*Bottom: Kloie Whitman, Savana Baez, Angela Owen-Turner, Alexis Pratt & Marley Wilson*





# Knights of Columbus Car Show Features Special Ford

**2<sup>ND</sup> KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAR SHOW**  
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On November 2, 2019 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Knights of Columbus Car Show will take place at San Marco Catholic Church parking lot. The show will have a very special vehicle, on display, a 2019 Ford GT Super Car. This vehicle owned by a Marco Island resident, is 1 of 500 produced in the United States. It is the automakers' answer to high performance sports cars from companies such as Lamborghini, Ferrari, Porsche and others. In order to purchase a car the potential buyer had to submit an application which is quite lengthy. The selected applicants then entered into a drawing, the selection took place, and

the winners were announced. The vehicle which can reach over 200 MPH will have a sticker price of over \$500,000 and is something to see.

Come to the show and see this awesome car and other beautiful automobiles. The show will also have food prepared by the Knights which will include Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Sausage and Peppers. The Celtic Spirit Irish dancers will perform and Steve Reynolds will be the guest DJ.

Trophies will be awarded in 15 categories. Entry fee for show cars is \$20, which includes lunch. Spectator fee is \$5. The show runs from 9:30a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Come out and support the Knights of Columbus, who do many things for our community. ALL money collected will be donated to charity.

For more information, please contact John DeRosa at 239-272-0816





# Friends of Tigertail Hosts Community Events

*by Allie Delventhal*

Friends of Tigertail hosts community activities throughout the year. Quarterly beach clean-ups continue, with the most recent on September 21 as part of the International Coastal Clean-up. There was an excellent turn-out for this event, with volunteers collecting and documenting 140 lb of assorted debris.

On September 18, the Marco Island Library was the site of a well attended presentation hosted by the Friends involving the status of the Tigertail Lagoon. Dr Mohammed Dabees with Humiston & Moore described a 2018 engineering survey of the area. The study was underwritten by the Hideaway Tax District before dredging the mouth of the Big Marco Pass, which they fund every 2-3 years. Over time, the area just north of the lagoon, named "Zone 3" has become increasingly shallow,

restricting tidal flow into and out of the lagoon. Without intervention, this process is expected to continue, eventually completely shutting off the lagoon from tidal flow, negatively affecting water quality, wildlife and recreation. Limited dredging in the shallow Zone 3 location was suggested, but sources of funding remain unclear.

Looking ahead to the season, Friends of Tigertail will host "Breakfast and Birds" presentations at the beach, clean-ups in December and April, and their signature event, "Discover Tigertail" in February.

*More information about the group's activities can be found on their website (FriendsOfTigertail.com) or Facebook page of the same name*



*Allie Delventhal, Susan Kubat, Betty Rosa, Joanna Metzger, Susan Lagrotta, Russ Colombo, Linda Colombo (president).*

*Missing: Gwyn Goodman, Mary Ann Maniace, Bill Rogers, Harriette Tax*





# Residents' Beach FAQ's

**Q: Who is eligible to join Marco Island Residents' Beach?**

A: Residents' Beach membership is limited to those who own improved residential property on Marco Island or Goodland or those who rent improved property on Marco Island or Goodland for one month or longer. If you live on the Naples side of either the SS Jolley Bridge or the Stan Gober Bridge, you are not eligible to join Marco Island Residents' Beach.

**Q: I joined Residents' Beach online or through the mail. Now what?**

A: The next time you are on Marco Island, please stop at the MICA office with your driver's license. Your picture will be taken and your Residents' Beach ID will be issued. You will stop and show this ID to the gate attendant each time you enter Residents' Beach.

**Q: I forgot my Residents' Beach ID card. How can I enter Residents' Beach?**

A: You will give the gate attendant your driver's license. The attendant will look up your membership information in the database.

**Q: I lost my Residents' Beach ID card. What can I do?**

A: You can have the card replaced by visiting the MICA office. ID replacement fee is \$25.

**Q: I go to the beach frequently. Why do I have to show my Residents' Beach ID to the gate attendant each time?**

A: While one gate attendant may be familiar with you and greet you by name, there could be a gate attendant on duty who does not know you. You must stop at the gatehouse each time you enter and show the attendant your Residents' Beach ID card. Do not cover your picture, name, etc., on the ID card. As stated in the rules, you are required to display your ID to any MICA representative upon request while on property.

**Q: What are the hours that Residents' Beach is open?**

A: Residents' Beach is open 365 days per year, opening each day at 6 a.m. and closing one half hour after sunset throughout the year. If you are at the park near sunset, please be cognizant of the time. The gate will be locked and your car could be locked in overnight. Hours are the same for Sarazen Park.

**Q: I like to go to the south end and park at Sarazen Park. How can I do this?**

A: As a member, you can utilize Residents' Beach and Sarazen Park. If there is no gate attendant at Sarazen Park, simply leave your Residents' Beach ID card on your dashboard.

**Q: My grown children/family/friends will be visiting and staying with me for a week or two. How can they utilize Residents' Beach?**

A: As a member of Residents' Beach, you have two options. 1) You may bring up to five guests with you. Your guests must enter with you in your vehicle, on foot or on bike. They cannot enter in another vehicle or meet you later. You cannot drop off or shuttle your guests. 2) You may complete a Guest Pass Application and purchase a guest pass for up to six individuals, for seven days, for \$40. A guest pass allows your guests to utilize Residents' Beach without you. All guests must enter at the same time in one vehicle, on foot or on bike.

**Q: Can I purchase a guest pass for my renters?**

A: No. Those who rent a residence for one month or longer on Marco Island or Goodland are eligible to purchase a membership for the time period they are renting. If you purchase a guest pass for a renter, you will lose your membership.

**Q: How can I utilize a beach wheelchair?**

A: Stop at the gate house, leave your keys or driver's license as a deposit. The attendant will give you the beach wheelchair for transport.





**Q: How can I utilize one of the picnic chickees?**

A: If you will have less than 15 people, you can simply utilize a chickee. If you will have 15 people or more at your gathering, please stop into the MICA office and register prior to the day of the event. MICA reserves the right to transfer any event to Sarazen Park. Please remember that everyone coming to your event must be a Residents' Beach member or enter with a Residents' Beach member. No shuttling of guests is permitted.

**Q: What are the hours of Paradise Grill?**

A: From November through April, Paradise Grill is open seven days per week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Grill typically offers a Friday Fish Fry dinner during Season. From May through October, Paradise Grill is open Wednesday through Monday (closed Tuesday) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Paradise Grill closes for the month of September beginning the day after Labor Day. Contact Paradise Grill with any questions 239-394-1475.

**Q: I walk the beach but am not a member of Residents' Beach. Can I use the restrooms/Paradise Grill/playground/chickee huts, etc.?**

**I live in a condo on the beach but am not a member of Residents' Beach, can I use the park or attend concerts at Residents' Beach?**

A: No. Use of any portion of Residents' Beach is for the members of Residents' Beach only. If you want to use any of the facilities and/or attend concerts, you must be member of Residents' Beach. Members pay an annual fee that supports the park facilities and activities.

*If you have a question not addressed here, please call the MICA office at 239-642-7778 and we will do our best to have an answer for you. As always, we sincerely appreciate your compliance and pleasantness.  
- The MICA Staff*

***For everyone's comfort and safety, there are some simple rules to live by at Residents' Beach and Sarazen Park:***

- Park your bike in the bike rack. Do not ride through the park on a bike. This is for your safety!
- Supervise your children/grandchildren in the park. MICA provides no supervision.
- Please be courteous and respectful of EVERYONE while on the premises, including MICA staff. (We thank you!)
- No pets on the property (even if you are leaving them in your car).
- Do not feed the birds. Do not flush or run toward or through the birds. (This is actually a state, county and city law.)
- NO glass, bikes or pets are permitted on the beach (again per state, county and city laws).





# Power at a Good Price

In America, energy cooperatives serve 42 million people. On Marco Island, LCEC serves just over 19,000 homes and businesses. As an electric distribution cooperative, LCEC operates at cost. That means any excess revenues (called margins) are allocated to members in the form of equity. Equity is used to build and maintain the electric system and is not in the form of cash. However, when the financial position allows, equity is retired and returned to members as a check or credit. Over the years, LCEC has retired more than \$279 million in equity. This year, LCEC returned more than \$11 million to active and inactive members. Find out more about the benefits of belonging to Southwest Florida's electric cooperative.

# Beach Clean-up Schedule

- **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by Marco Women's Club*
- **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by Marco Island Kiwanis Club*
- **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.** Quarterly Beach Clean-up at Tigertail Beach *sponsored by Friends of Tigertail*

*MICA supplies gloves, water, trashbags and the beach vehicle to haul trash to the dumpster. Bring your own reusable bottle for water to fill up from our Igloo water dispenser. Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce supplies buckets and grabbers.*

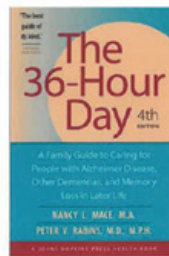


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## Residents' Beach Clean-Up - Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019





# Celebrating the Life of Bill Patterson (1930 - 2019)

The world lost an exceptional man on May 6, 2019. Born in Philadelphia in 1930 to Thomas and Mary Patterson, both from Ireland. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brothers. Bill is survived by his wife, Joan O'Connor, and children Gregory, Traci, Kelly Anne, Bill Jr., and Jean, as well as their spouses and grandchildren. Bill and Joan met in 1981 on Long Beach Island, New Jersey, and eventually married on Marco Island in 2004.

Bill enlisted in the Marines when he was 17 years of age and celebrated his 21st birthday in Korea during the battle at Chosin Reservoir. After his discharge, Bill followed in his father's footsteps and became a carpenter and received his BS degree in Civil Engineering from Drexel University. During his career, Bill served as project manager for large projects throughout the mid-Atlantic states. No matter his accomplishments or lofty positions he held, Bill was humble with a diminished demeanor of his own importance. After retiring and moving to Marco, Bill's signature look was tee shirt, shorts and never socks, no matter what!!

After settling into island life, the Marco Island Civic Association offered Bill a job as Deed Restriction Specialist. He held this position for 22 years until he retired for a second time! He told us later that he loved every minute of his years with MICA - his work, the girls and all the great people connected to MICA. Bill passed in May, and he is sadly missed by his family, friends and MICA staff. Bill had a terrific sense of humor that everyone who knew him will also miss.

What a wonderful life we all had with Bill Patterson.



*Bill Patterson and  
his wife Joan O'Connor*



*A perfect Marco Island sunset after a late afternoon storm before fireworks on July 4, 2019*





# Audubon Celebrates U.S. House Approval of \$200 million for Everglades Restoration

The U.S. House of Representatives passed Appropriations Minibus H.R. 2740 containing \$200 million in FY2020 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Program to implement Everglades restoration.

"We're steps away from receiving historic congressional funding to build Everglades restoration projects," said Audubon Florida Director of Everglades Policy Celeste De Palma about today's vote. This milestone comes at the heels of the recently adjourned Florida Legislative session that appropriated a record-breaking \$360 million for Everglades restoration efforts.

"Having both our federal and local sponsors fully fund restoration will allow us to turn this significant investment into solid deliverables, including beginning work on the recently authorized EAA Reservoir. Already, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is anticipating completing the EAA Reservoir at least two years ahead of schedule!"

The summer of 2018, Florida experienced the longest red tide on record and toxic blue-green algae blooms resulting in thousands of pounds of dead marine life and birds, shuttered businesses, angered visitors and beachgoers and sickened Floridians. With a number of projects nearing completion within the

next five years, sustained and increased funding from Congress can finally deliver the results so desperately needed by the people of Florida and our cherished birds and wildlife.

"We want to recognize the leadership of our Florida Congressional Delegation in coming together to push for much needed increased funding to bring relief to Floridians and wildlife by investing in restoration to help clean our waters," continued De Palma. "It is especially impactful to see Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz include an amendment in the bill to protect the Everglades from future oil and gas activity within sensitive Water Conservation Areas that supply more than 8 million Floridians with fresh drinking water. This is a necessary step to protect our investment in restoration, and we are thrilled that the House approved this amendment as well."

This is the first minibus of fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills. The package includes the FY 2020 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education, Defense, State-Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development spending bills. Everglades restoration funding is part of the Energy and Water Development bill. The Senate will consider the measure next.



Photo: Ian Shive







# Something to smile about.

## The Marco Island Historical Society is giving the community something to smile about. Marco Island's first selfie station!

Marco Island native and artist Jarrett Stinchcomb captures the essence of the unique and beautiful natural history of Marco Island in his one-of-a-kind work of art.

This 115 square foot open-air mural will be painted in full color on a wall of the Marco Island Historical Museum campus. The scene portrays native fauna that have inhabited this area for millennia. A unique "selfie station" allows guests of the museum to immerse themselves in elements of our exquisite natural environment, snap a photo and instantly share it via social media or cherish it as a memento of their visit to Marco Island.



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## Become a Part of the Scene!

You have a limited opportunity to become a part of this stunning work of art.

- A gift of \$5,000 or more to the MIHS enables you to "put yourself in the scene" by sponsoring one of the figures in the above artist rendering.
- Donors will meet with J.J. Stinchcomb to determine how to subtly personalize their sponsored figure.
- Donors will be recognized on a panel prominently displayed on the mural wall.



To participate in this exciting creative process, contact Pat Rutledge at 239.389.6447 or [exec@themih.org](mailto:exec@themih.org) Today!



# Pollution Prevention: All About the Dirt

*by Samantha Gibson, Environmental Specialist, Collier County Pollution Control*

Interested in the latest dirt on Collier County? You ready for it? The dirt is all about dirt, also known as “soil”, “sediment”, and we can’t forget “sand” here in Southwest Florida. Wondering how there can be dirt on dirt? It’s natural and necessary for plants, right? Right. So what’s the dirt?



*Sediment runoff  
entering the waterway*

can smother fish eggs so that they do not hatch, reduce the clarity of water making it harder for submerged aquatic vegetation to photosynthesize, and carry in other pollutants that are attached to dirt such as heavy metals or nutrients.

Wondering what the major sources are for sediment pollution? Active construction is probably at the top of the list, but it can also happen in our own backyards which is why proper landscaping is so important. This is a topic for another article but if you have questions in the meantime, please feel free to reach out to Collier County Pollution Control or the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension Collier County.

Dirt can be pollution. If it’s natural and necessary, you might be wondering how it can be pollution. Pollution is anything in our environment that can cause harm to us or the plants and animals around us. That means that dirt under your grass is not pollution, it is where it’s supposed to be. However, when the dirt ends up in our waterways it can create a problem. Dirt in the water

So how can you help? If you’re driving past a construction site just pay attention to it. Whether it’s a single-family home renovating a pool or a new gas station being built, sediment and erosion control measures are required to prevent pollution from impacting our local water quality. A

silt fence is the low, fabric-like fence that typically stretches around a construction site to keep the construction dirt onsite. If this fence is not in place or you see dirt either eroding out from under or spilling over the silt fence, then that silt fence needs

to be re-installed or replaced. Another best management practice that construction sites may use is to protect storm drains by a variety of means, such as hay bales, filter bags, or even a basket that goes into the storm drain itself. These measures add an extra layer of protection for the stormwater system against any sediment or other pollutants that do make it into the street.

If you see a construction site that lacks sediment and erosion control or has dirt exiting the site onto a road or directly into a waterbody please call 3-1-1, Collier County Pollution Control at 239-252-2502 or report it online at <http://f.formoid.net/cUn>. Preventing pollution on land is a team effort that directly impacts local water quality so, as we in Pollution Control like to say, we hope that you will remember to “Live Green. Save Blue.”



*Construction run-off can  
impact water quality*





# Native Plants Make Practical Sense

*by Maria Lamb*

Marco's hot summers and sandy soils can pose a challenge for some plants but not if you "Go Native" with your landscaping. Katie O'Hara, MICA's board member and a 22-year resident of Marco Island decided it was time to replace her tired front landscaping.

Katie did not want a lawn to maintain and to spend money on; she did not like using chemicals

and fertilizers and she did not want the additional cost of an irrigation system.

Katie met Eric Jadaszewski of Everglades Native Designs at a Chamber of Commerce event and they got to talking about native and Florida friendly plants.

Katie also knew Susan LaGrotta of the Calusa Garden Club from numerous Friends of Tigertail beach clean-ups. They all got to talking plants and it did not take long for Katie to realize the practical and economic sense of using native plants.

With the help of Eric's expertise, Katie decided to go for it! Eric removed the hibiscus plants which are native to China and are not suitable for Marco's sandy soil; he removed all the grass and brought in better quality soil. According to Eric, native plants have been around for thousands of years. Nobody ever fertilized them, watered them or pruned them, and they did just fine on their own.



*Front landscape before native plants*



*Front landscape with native plants containing gold lantana, dune sunflowers, pentas, silver thatched palms, coontie, pine straws, sea shells and native limestone rock*

*Photos by Maria Lamb*





Many of the plants used in landscaping today are foreign and look very tropical, but there is also an abundance of beautiful native plants that are better for butterflies, hummingbirds and pollinators.

Katie's landscape was transformed using native coastal plants such as beach sunflowers or daisies (salt tolerant), gold lantanas (heat loving), and coontie (with fernlike leaves). Eric also added three native silver thatched palms which are native to SW Florida; hardy, slow growing; with a beautiful silver cast to their leaves and which grow well in Marco's sandy soil.

For ground cover, Eric used pine straw which added a natural look to the landscaping. It does not

wash away in heavy rain and is a native renewable resource as they are collected from the Pine Forest of Northern Florida. For contrast, Katie added shell groundcover and a native limestone rock for accent.

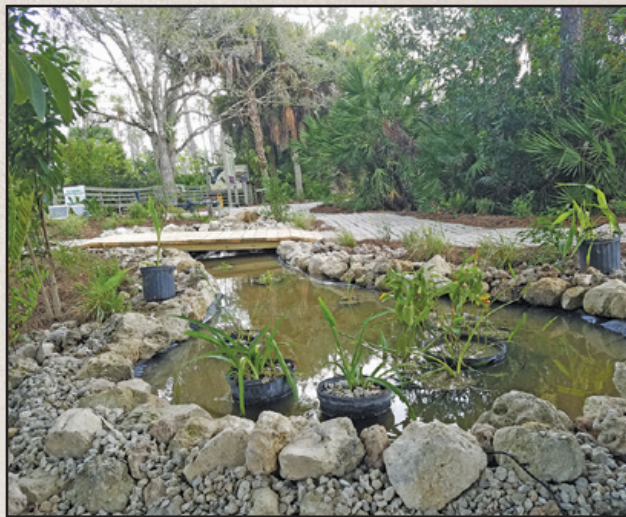
Eric is a native Floridian and in the 1980s he pioneered the movement in the use of native plants. Eric considers himself a native Floridian planting native plants.



*Calusa Garden Club members approved Katie's choice of native plants. (l-r) Susan LaGrotta, Katie O'Hara, Donna Kay, Sue Oldershaw, Linda Colombo*



*Katie O'Hara demonstrating the use of her rain barrel to members of Calusa Garden Club*



*Eric's project at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary of multi-habitat planting with butterfly and pollinator plants, small wetland with a pond and small bridge (photo by Eric Jadaszewski)*

Eric is passionate about promoting the use of native plants and shared that "you are missing out on a lot of important things by not planting native." Planting native is like rolling out a red carpet for wildlife and pollinators.

Eric just finished a project for Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary where he transformed a neglected butterfly garden into a 3-habitat garden. Eric created a hammock which is part of the forest; he planted plants found in the prairies for the sunny area; and added wetlands with a foot bridge over a pond.

*If interested in native plants, please visit Eric's website at: [www.evergladesnatedesigns.com](http://www.evergladesnatedesigns.com)*





# Marco Island Shell Club

## Celebrating Our 40th Year

*by Jae Kellogg, 2019-2020 Shell Show Chair*

**Late 1970s** - a couple of card tables; glue guns, shells and about eight women gathered in a garage for some fun and stories - they were experimenting with shell flowers, critters, sand dollars, and decorated objects! There was certainly no shortage of shells in that era!

**Fast Forward - 40 Years** - Organized Shell Art Workshops for 80-100 people, a huge scholarship/grants program for education, a Shell Show that has always been one of the top events on the island in March, a Holiday Sale of "one of a kind" ornaments and holiday decoration for the season, 160 in membership - a WEBSITE - [www.marcoshellclub.com](http://www.marcoshellclub.com) - a Summer Kids Workshop at the Marco Center for the Arts - and the list goes on!

**A Personal Invitation** - When my husband and I first came to the island in 2000, we both had always collected shells." Little did we know that there was an actual club where we would be able to display our finds, meet wonderful people, attend scientific seminars discussing the amazing mollusks (shells)/sea life in our island environment, discover the beautiful world of shell art, and provide scholarships and grants for education, not only in Collier County, but in the state of Florida! This is what our club is all about - **This club has something for everyone!** This is where we would like to start with our 2019-20 Season!

### Meet Our Officers and Chairs -

Karen Caster, President  
Jacqueline Lynch, Vice President, Seminar Chair  
Sally Johnson, Corresponding Secretary  
Judy Arnold, Recording Secretary  
Christine Bergquist, Treasurer  
Jae Kellogg, Shell Show Chair

Cindy Wesolowski, Membership Chair  
Paulette Carabelli, Scholarship Chair  
Joan Robbins, Website Chair  
Becky Miller, Workshop Chair  
John Tunnell, Publicity Chair  
Pat Wood, Education/Excursion Chair

These friendly residents are very involved in the community and if you ever run into any of them - they would love to meet you!

***Get out your calendars - mark some important dates - we hope to see you there!***

Tuesday, October 29, 2019	<b>1st SHELL ART WORKSHOP</b> - Come Visit US! 9:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. - United Church of Marco - Disseler Hall All are Welcome!
Saturday, December 7, 2019	<b>HOLIDAY SALE!</b> 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. - United Church of Marco - Disseler Hall Don't Miss It!
March 19, 20 & 21, 2020	<b>40th MARCO ISLAND SHELL SHOW</b> 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. daily - United Church of Marco - Disseler Hall Over 150 Scientific and Artistic Juried Exhibits, Kids' Day on Saturday Shell Art and Specimen Shells FOR SALE Daily - FUN for the entire Family!







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## The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts

### LEFT BANK ART SHOWS

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**Sunday, October 6, 2019**  
**Sunday, November 3, 2019**  
**Sunday, December 8, 2019**  
**Sunday, April 5, 2020**

The Esplanade -  
located at 760 North Collier Blvd.  
10a.m.- 4p.m.

**Sunday, February 9, 2020**  
**Sunday, February 23, 2020**  
**Sunday, March 8, 2020**  
**Sunday, March 29, 2020**

### BRUSHES & PAINT ART SHOWS

Marco Island Historical Museum -  
180 South Heathwood Drive  
10a.m.- 3p.m.

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2020**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

MIFA sponsors a film festival for Arts in the Cinema.

The films are shown Wednesdays at The Marco Movies, 599 South Collier Blvd., at 10a.m. on the following dates:

**January 8th "Good Ol' Freda"**  
**February 5th "A Ballerina's Tale"**

**January 22nd "A Quiet Passion"**  
**February 19th "At Eternity's Gate"**

For movie information and tickets for this festival and  
information on our other activities visit us on the Web at [www.marcoislandfoundation.org](http://www.marcoislandfoundation.org)

*The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts (MIFA) is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization established in 2003. Our mission is to support the visual, literary and performing arts on Marco Island. MIFA provides scholarships to our local area art students to help defray their costs as they attend their extended and higher education endeavors.*

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# Sunrise Meditations on Marco Island

by Ruth McCann

Perhaps you have read his self-help column in the Coastal Breeze News, or studied using his widely-used college textbook *Coping With Stress in a Changing World*, or read one of his several stress self-help books. His name is Dr. Rich Blonna and his motto is “Stress less, live more!” In order to develop a more stress-resistant lifestyle, Dr. Rich advocates the Five R’s of Coping: Rethink, Reduce, Relax, Release and Reorganize.

He leads by example by starting most days with an early morning bike ride to Residents’ Beach, a run in the sand followed by yoga on the beach, all while appreciating the stunning colors of the spectacular sunrise! Other mornings he might paddle his kayak and meditate by synching his breathing while paddling through the water. Dr. Rich says that enjoying the sunrise is especially peaceful and a wonderful start of each day.



His meditation has led him to savoring and photographing the beauty of nature, the clouds and the pink, purple and blue shades of the early morning sky. All of this is captured in his newest book *Sunrise Meditations on Marco Island*. Rich calls it a coffee table book, but it is much more.

Yes, the pictures that Dr. Rich has personally taken are breathtaking images of Marco Island’s beach, skies and waterways. But you will discover wording to help you become more mindful. Meditation and the practice of mindfulness are the themes throughout this beautiful book.

After he retired, Dr. Rich and his wife, Heidi, started traveling south, first to Delaware (too cold), North Carolina (not warm enough), then to the Florida Keys (not quite right), and finally to Marco Island (AHHH!). For fun he likes to kayak, run, bike, play tennis and take sunrise pictures of his beloved island. One of his favorite places to visit on Marco is the pristine Residents’ Beach, which he calls “Heaven on Earth!”

Dr. Rich Blonna is a world-renowned expert in understanding how the mind and body work together to reduce stress. He is a retired Professor Emeritus from William Paterson University in New Jersey. As a nationally-certified Coach (BCC), Counselor (NCC), and Health Education Specialist (CHES), he uses the best practices from each of these disciplines to help people become more psychologically-flexible, reduce their stress, and get the most out of their lives. Dr. Rich is also certified in Naikan and Morita, two forms of Japanese psychology that use mindfulness and acceptance to help people shift their focus off of unhelpful thoughts, feelings, and actions and onto taking positive action.

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*Dr. Rich's new coffee table book  
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# Stone Crab Season - New Recreational Trap Requirements

Florida's recreational and commercial stone crab claw harvest season opens Oct. 15 in state and federal waters. All recreational trap harvesters who are age 16 and older are now required to complete an on-line, no-cost recreational stone crab trap registration before using their traps. To register, visit [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com) and add the Recreational Stone Crab Trap Registration to your fishing license account.

Upon completion, each person will be assigned unique trap identification numbers that must be included on each trap along with the owner's full name and address. This information must be legible and must be permanently attached to each trap before placing them in the water.

This no-cost registration will allow FWC to collect important information about these recreational

fisheries needed for future stock assessments and management decisions.

## ***Other Regulations:***

- Only the claws may be harvested
- Claws must be 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches to be harvested
- Recreational limit: 1 gallon of claws per person, 2 gallons per vessel, whichever is less
- Harvest of claws from females with eggs is prohibited
- Do not use any device that can puncture, crush or injure the crab's body
- Recreational harvesters may use up to 5 stone crab traps per person
- May 16: Season closes



*Stone Crabs being removed from traps. Photo by Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission*







## Uncle Sam's Sand Jam - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 *continued*



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# Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

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

Thanks to the generous support of our many partners throughout Collier County, especially our friends on Marco Island, Habitat Collier completed another successful fiscal year this past June. Each of the families that closed on their Habitat home is eternally grateful for every gift of time, talent and treasure that made it possible for them to realize the American Dream of owning a home of their own. They have left behind unaffordable, unhealthy and unsafe living conditions. Children are no longer

uprooted from schools and friends while parents chase affordable rent, sometimes moving in with strangers, to put a roof over their family. Your hand-up has given families the chance to have a solid foundation through homeownership.

One grateful family, Febec and her children, Francisco and Brianna, were one of the first families to purchase and move into their home in our newest Naples community, Dockside. This is one of many families who work on Marco Island but one of



*Febec and Brianna were one of the first families to purchase and move into their home in the newest Habitat for Humanity Naples community, Dockside*





the few that lived there. Unfortunately, their living conditions were less than ideal. For six years they lived in a home owned by extended family with 6 other adults. Brianna shared a room with her cousin and Francisco and his mother shared a room. With so many in the household, there were two beds and two sofas in the living room for the others.

Now that they are in their forever home, Febec says "It's changed my life. I feel happy, comfortable, free... I feel blessed." She went on to say "It's tough to raise your children around other parents who have different ideas of how to do things and that wasn't the way I wanted to raise my kids."

Febec works full time at Publix and part time cleaning for A & S Resorts. At one point the work load was getting too difficult and Febec considered leaving the cleaning company. When the owners learned the news, they persuaded her to stay with them. They said Febec is one of their best workers, not only completing her own assignments, but managing others to do their jobs with excellence.

Febec's children have seen her work ethic and appreciate her determination. When they applied for their Habitat home, Francisco said he would join the Army after graduating from Lely High School and then go on to college with aid from the military. He is currently on active duty so he has followed in his mother's footsteps and is willing to work hard to see his dreams come true. Brianna looks forward to finishing High School and getting into FSU. Now that they have their home, Brianna said she is most grateful that she and her brother will always have a place to come home to.

Dockside is an ideal location for those who work on Marco Island, located off 951 near U.S. 41. It is Habitat Collier's first multi-unit, town-house style complex with both 3 and 4 bedroom condominiums. When complete, 44 families will call this home. Each year about 8 families who work on the Island apply for a Habitat home. We are grateful to the more than 35 businesses based on the Island who employ current Habitat homeowners.

Affordable housing is virtually non-existent in Collier County with the exception of Habitat homes. Rents and home sale prices continue to skyrocket.

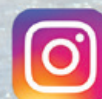
The number of low cost rental units in Collier County, renting at less than \$800 per month, has decreased 65% since 2011. Even so, occupancy for overpriced rentals is at 98%.

In Habitat Collier's 41 years, thanks to your partnership, more than 2,200 families and 5,200 children have experienced the life-changes that come from living in a safe and decent affordable home. But so much remains to be done to help other hard-working families realize the strength and security that come from homeownership. Every helping hand makes a difference! Thanks to all who have volunteered or donated their time, talents and treasures. All of us at Habitat Collier are grateful to those who have helped us get one step closer to the day when everyone has a simple, decent place to live.

## **About Habitat for Humanity of Collier County**

This year for the second time, Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is among the 1% of charities to have earned a perfect 100 score from Charity Navigator, the largest and most utilized evaluator of charities in the U.S. Additionally, 14 times Habitat Collier received a four-star rating. In 2014, Habitat Collier was recognized as #1 in the nation for Housing and Community Development. 95¢ of every donated dollar is used to build homes and serve families.

*Keep up to date on what is happening  
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# Your American Cancer Society - Our Vision is 2020 with a Celebration for a Cure

*by Maureen Chodaba, ACS Publicity Volunteer*

The spirit of celebration is always in the air of beautiful Marco Island, but the evening of March 6, 2020 will breathe new life to that essence. The Marco Island office of the American Cancer Society cordially invites you to join us at the JW Marriott Marco Island as Phoenix Roofing presents A Celebration for a Cure, the 2020 American Cancer Society Imagination Ball. This celebration of life will feature both live and silent auctions, fine food, music and so much more! Just like a bottle of the finest champagne, the celebration will pop with hope and good cheer as the prestigious Grado Award is

presented to Curt and Jacquie Koon of CJ's on the Bay in honor of their dedication and support of the American Cancer Society.

Chaired by Debra Shanahan for the eighth consecutive year, the gala fundraiser will be presented by Phoenix Roofing for the second consecutive year. Phoenix Roofing first became aware of the ACS Imagination Ball upon completion of the roof on the home of Debra Shanahan after Hurricane Irma. Their commitment to the fight against cancer is phenomenal. "Cancer is a terrible disease that affects far too many people," says Phoenix partner Jameson



*The team from Phoenix Roofing, presenting sponsor of the American Cancer Society Imagination Ball to be held on March 6th, 2020, at the JW Marriott Marco Island*







*Curt and Jacquie Koon,  
the proud owners of CJ's on the Bay,  
and 2020 Grado Award honorees*

Hewitt. "Unfortunately, we have felt those effects within our family and company. We are just glad we can help." Although their business is roofing, the company knows that a home is far more than just a structure with walls and a roof. They know in their hearts that a home is an extension of family and friends; a collection of memories and precious moments; indeed, a place to celebrate life!

Everyone on Marco Island knows that CJ's on the Bay is synonymous with the concept of celebrating life. Much of that can be attributed to Curt and Jacquie Koon, the proud owners of this fabulous restaurant. For the past three consecutive years, our 2020 Grado Award honorees, Curt and Jacquie, have generously sponsored the ACS Imagination Ball by welcoming the executive committee to CJ's on the Bay for their meetings. Their dedication and commitment extend far beyond that. Curt and Jacquie continuously exhibit a pay it forward attitude in the countless things that they do for our community. They support the efforts and recognize the accomplishments of the American Cancer Society in the quest for a cure. The couple elaborates "It feels good to be a part of the solution. Today we know far more cancer survivors than those who have lost the battle."

Whether conducting or funding our research, our 2020 vision is clear. We must free the world from the pain and suffering from cancer. We must find a cure! That is when we will have the real celebration, the celebration of life!

The American Cancer Society has funded research that has led to discoveries that have changed the way we view and treat cancer today. Some of our proudest achievements include the discovery of tumor angiogenesis: the idea that tumors need blood vessels to grow and spread and how we can stop that from happening; pioneering work in bone marrow and stem cell transplantation that has decreased the mortality rate in several blood cancers; and research that has increased the knowledge of genetic mutations that are linked to breast cancer.

The 2019 American Cancer Society Imagination Ball raised funds that are being used to help support current research programs of the American Cancer Society including translation cancer research that investigates the discovery, synthesis and delivery of cancer drugs along with biomarker identifications and development; clinical cancer research, nutrition and immunology; cancer control and prevention research; and health professional training in cancer control.

We want to keep going and we want to do more! We thank this generous community for joining us in the fight against this terrible disease. Imagine a world without cancer! With your help, that dream will be our reality!

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# Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center Events

Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Touch, see and explore Southwest Florida's coastal environment at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Experience hands-on, interactive exhibits including marine-life touch tanks and habitat displays. Enjoy trails, naturalist-led programs, nature-viewing bridge over the water and more! Kids and adults alike can explore the Center and discover the plants, fish and wildlife that call Rookery Bay Research Reserve's 110,000 acres home.

Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is located at 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113

[www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org) 239-530-5940

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6 – 12, and free for kids under 6

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## **Rookery Bay's Science Saturdays –**

**Every Saturday! A Different Eco-Theme Each Week! Free for Kids!**

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At the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, Science Saturdays are sure to unleash your inner scientist or marine biologist with hands-on discoveries for all ages. Every Saturday a different theme at Rookery Bay, enjoy eco-crafts, a presentation, a featured film and our "Lessons in Laboratories" program from 11 - 11:45 a.m.

<b>November 2 –</b>	<b>Sea Turtle Hurdles</b>
<b>November 9 –</b>	<b>So Much More Than Seashells</b>
<b>November 16 -</b>	<b>Days and Days of Sharks and Rays</b>
<b>November 23 –</b>	<b>Skulls and Bones</b>
<b>November 30 -</b>	<b>Marine Mammal Marathon</b>
<b>December 7 -</b>	<b>Birds of a Feather</b>
<b>December 14 -</b>	<b>Managing Marine Debris</b>
<b>December 21 -</b>	<b>Fabulous Fish</b>
<b>December 28 -</b>	<b>World of Water</b>

## **In the Rookery Bay Gallery – Painting Annual**

November 3 – January 9, 2020

Included with Admission to Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

The Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County present the Annual Painting





Exhibition with works submitted by artists from Collier and Lee. Following Rookery Bay's environmental mission, works share a central theme of flora and fauna.

### **Birds of the Beach**

November 2, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$40

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)  
Southwest Florida is a critical stopover site for thousands of migrating and wintering shorebirds. In this class, Adam DiNuovo of Audubon Florida will discuss the life history of these birds and the amazing journeys many of them make annually. Winter shorebirds are notoriously difficult to ID, so practicing the skills learned in this class is essential. You will learn how to use plumage, size, and behavior to help with identification.

The classroom session will take place at the Rookery Bay Field Station on Shell Island Road. It will be followed by a trip to Tigertail Beach, one of the most important winter shorebird sites in Florida, where we will see many of the birds discussed. Be prepared to wade in water up to your knees, with adequate footwear that will protect your feet (no flip flops). Collier County beach parking fee applies (\$8, free with sticker).



*This burrowing owl photo was taken by Julie Nathanson Abrams at a nest on Bluebonnet Court, submitted to MICA by Lynn Nathanson*

### **Homeschool Day – Through Our Watershed**

November 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. *Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Homeschool students and their families can enjoy an exciting day of age-appropriate estuarine learning experiences led by Rookery Bay Reserve's marine science educators. Programs are designed for students in grades 1 - 10, and help to raise awareness of the connection between the ocean and student's lives.

### **Lunch & Learn Lecture:**

#### **Rookery Bay & the Next Generation of Scientists – Wading Birds Colonies and the Impact of Hurricanes**

November 8, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. \$15, includes lunch

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Please join us for the first in a series of five lectures - Rookery Bay & the Next Generation of Scientists – Making a Home at Rookery Bay: Wading Birds Colonies and the Impact of Hurricanes. Anne Mauro, Rookery Bay's Avian Ecologist and Gina Cheadle, Florida Gulf Coast University Student will co-present on the impact extreme weather has on wading bird colonies in Southwest Florida. Lunch will be provided.

The 2019-20 lecture series focuses on key projects occurring at Rookery Bay and the collaboration of senior scientists and up-and-coming young staff members or interns. During co-presentations of findings and information, the teams will highlight the importance of mentorship in science and how working together with today's young professionals positively impacts the future of environmental ecology and conservation in Florida.

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### **Girls in Science Slumber**

November 9 – 10, Ages 8 - 14, *Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Drop off November 9 at 5 p.m. Pick up November 10 at 8:00 a.m., \$60

Discover the nocturnal side of nature while camping with Rookery Bay Reserve Educators inside our Environmental Learning Center. This program will emphasize Southwest Florida's unique ecological environment that we call home. Participants are required to bring their own sleeping bag/pillow. Pizza and light snacks are included.

### **Painting Annual Exhibition - Art Reception**

November 14, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m., This is a Free Event. Open to the public.

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Join us for the opening reception of our Annual Painting Exhibition presented by of the Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County. Works are submitted by artists from Collier and Lee counties and juried. Following along with Rookery Bay's environmental mission, works will share a central theme of flora and fauna. Most of the paintings are for sale. The opening reception includes wine and light hors d'oeuvres.

### **America Recycles Day**

November 15, BOGO (Buy one get one free) Admission, *No registration necessary.*

Visit the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center for buy one get one free entrance on November 15 to promote the importance of recycling for our economy and environment. America Recycles Day is the only nationally-recognized day dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Each year, thousands of communities across the country participate by promoting environmental citizenship and taking action to increase and improve recycling in America.

### **Classic Car Show at Rookery Bay**

November 16, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., \$10

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

The Friends of Rookery Bay is teaming up with Island Automotive to showcase more than 40 of the coolest classic cars around at the Rookery Bay Environmental Center. The show is family-friendly with kids' activities and presentations. Attendees can also peruse a collection of mint car mascots and hood ornaments from the Jon Zuler collection.

### **Essentials of Digital Photography**

November 18, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$55

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

If you want to get the best pictures possible, and truly understanding your camera's features, this camera workshop is for you. The class covers the essentials of your digital camera. You will learn how to use your camera's shutter, aperture, ISO control and the drive modes to create images with impact and creativity. Sonny Saunders has over 35 years of experience in photography and instruction and is renowned for his ability to communicate to a wide variety of students.

### **International Volunteer Day - BOGO**

December 5, BOGO (Buy one get one free) Admission, *No registration necessary*

Visit the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center for buy one get one free entrance on December 5 and recognize the volunteers who offer their time and talent to Rookery Bay each day. It is an opportunity to raise awareness of the contribution they make to the community and to celebrate their efforts to protect the coastal beauty and wildlife of Southwest Florida.





### **Rookery Bay Brush Strokes – Wildlife Watercolors**

December 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$60

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Paint the beauty of coastal Southwest Florida and the wildlife of estuary waters at Rookery Bay Brush Strokes water color painting class. Local Naples artist Jan Deswik offers step-by-step simple instructions and creative support that's perfect for beginners or anyone inspired by the coastal environment and wants to bring it to life in a one-of-a-kind painting. Each class spotlights a natural theme from shells to birdlife to local waterways. Held in classrooms at The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, all materials are included. Participants will leave each class with a completed painted piece with matte.

### **Essentials of Digital Photography**

December 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$55

*Registration is required*

[www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar), See description on previous page

### **Lunch & Learn Lecture: Rookery Bay & the Next Generation of Scientists – Shark Research Beyond Our Boundaries**

December 13, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., \$15, includes lunch

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Please join us for the second in a series of five lectures - Rookery Bay & the Next Generation of Scientists – Shark Research Beyond Our Boundaries. Patrick O'Donnell, Shark Research Environmental Specialist at Rookery Bay and Kristine Zikmanis, Florida International University Student will co-present about how the 20 years of shark research extends way past Rookery Bay and where the results may take future scientific studies. Lunch will be provided.

### **Birds of the Beach**

December 14, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$40

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar), See description on page 48

### **Rookery Bay Brush Strokes – Wildlife Watercolors**

December 19, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., \$60

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

See description above at December 5

### **Celebrate Winter Solstice - BOGO**

December 20, BOGO (Buy one get one free) Admission!

*No registration necessary*

You'll get more than your money's worth out of the shortest day of the year with a buy one get one free entrance to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

### **Junior Campout at Rookery Bay**

December 21 – 22, Ages 10 – 16 Co-ed

*Registration is required* [www.rookerybay.org/calendar](http://www.rookerybay.org/calendar)

Drop off December 21 at 4:30 p.m. Pick up December 22 at 8:00 a.m., \$60

Gain outdoor skills and further your appreciation for the great outdoors of SWFL with the Education staff of Rookery Bay Reserve. This is a non-campfire campout. Participants are required to bring their own camping gear. Pizza and light snacks are included.





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### Complete Stone Management, 642-3173

Free quote, 10% discount on service  
www.completestonemanagement.com

### Dry & Clean Carpet Cleaning, 642-0092

Carpet, Tile, & Upholstery cleaning  
www.dryandcleaninc.com

### Easy Street Moving, 248-4136

www.easystreetmoving.com

### EcoMarcoFun, Vacation House Rental

\$50 off-season, \$100 in-season discount  
Short term (less than 1 week) available  
www.vrbo.com/114322, 573-356-1727

### Fussy Fraulein, Inc.

First cleaning only, 394-0562

### GB Pools, 249-1107

Sign a six month contract for weekly pool service, pay for the first 3 months and receive the next 3 months free. Limited time offer, new customers only. Not valid with any other offer.  
www.GBPoolsMarcoIsland.com

### Global Cleaning Services

gcs-clean.net, 389-9140  
Free estimates, free rental unit setup  
consultation, as well as 10% off service charges

### Gulfcoast Painting & Pressure Cleaning

642-1005

### Gulfside Electric, 784-8086

### JCR Screen Repair & Service

394-9410

### Marco Island Floor Covering

Discounts vary. 1711 San Marco Rd, 394-1711

### Southern Comfort Air

10% off repairs; 5% off installation of new  
equipment, maximum of \$100, 642-6642

### Sunflower Services of Marco, Inc.

Lawn Maintenance, 465-8086  
First month free lawn maintenance

### Tiny Tikes Treasures (Rentals)

247 N Collier Blvd., 389-1868  
www.tinytikestreasures.com

## ADVENTURES/TOURS

### Aviation North

Marco Island Executive Airport,  
747-226-KEYS 10% off air shuttle to the Keys  
www.AviationNorth.com

### Dolphin Cove Marina

1135 Bald Eagle Drive (next to  
Sunrise Condo) 239-289-8654 www.  
DolphinCoveMarina.com  
10% off boat or jet ski rental. Cannot be  
combined with other offers. No discount  
12/15/19 – 1/5/20.

### Dolphin Explorer

Rose Marina, 642-6899  
www.dolphin-study.com

### Marco Island Princess

Rose Marina, 642-5415  
www.themarcoislandprincess.com

### Marco Island Watersports

JW Marriott & Hilton Resorts 394-4344

### Marco Pedal Boat

Book online: www.MarcoPedalBoat.com  
10% discount use code "MICA" when book-  
ing. 239-920-1230  
Pickup at 3620 Collier Blvd, Naples 34114

### Paradise Cycle Boat Cruises

At Rose Marina, 951 Bald Eagle Drive,  
A Dock, Slip 9, 239-300-8176.  
www.ParadiseCycleBoat.com Free UV color  
changing Sun Fun bracelet with each adult or  
child cruise purchased with MICA card.

### Scuba Marco

10% off goods, www.scubamarco.com  
141 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-7889

### Vantastic Tours

394-7699. www.vantastictours.com

## MARINE/AUTO

### Ion1 Professional Limousine, Inc.

Lowest rates, dependable  
professional service, 239-389-0004  
www.Ion1limousine.com

### Airport Express Shuttle

\$5 off every airport trip  
961-7100, 866-258-4222

### Autocraft

754 Elkcam Circle, 642-5309  
5% off non-insurance repairs  
www.autocraft1.com

### Blue Marlin Marine Construction

Seawall inspections only  
642-4284

### Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Daily & weekly rate, 642-4488

### Pelican Pier Marina,

10 ¢/gal discount on fuel; 10% off apparel.  
1085 Bald Eagle Dr (behind Riverside  
Club Condo) GPS:25°58.291 81°43.608  
www.pelicanpiermarina.com 389-2628

### Rose Marina

951 Bald Eagle Dr,  
394-2502. 10% off Clothing & footwear only.  
All else excluded.  
www.rosemarina.com

### Sea Tow Marco Island

Sea Tow Membership, 394-1188

### Walker's Hideaway Marina

10% off excluding gas, food & rental boats,  
705 E Elkcam Cir, 394-9333  
www.walkershideawaymarina.com

### Walker's Marine

642-6764 Parts & service for customers in WM  
computer, 785 Bald Eagle Dr

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

### Avon by Lucinda,

Cosmetics, 642-0297, 821-7976

### Jeffery M. Bogan Insurance Agency

15% off annual prem. for long term care,  
261-6533

### Global Computer Services, Inc.

601 E Elkcam Circle B12, 389-9140  
No trip charge for on-site visits, free  
analyze/diagnose of all equipment, free  
pre-sales consultation + 10% off service fee

### Hera Lynn Music, 314-825-4414

10% off music performances for house parties,  
corporate events & weddings  
www.heralynn.com

### H.I. Studios, 821-9458

Personality Portrait Painting by Heidi

### James Karl & Associates

Free initial consultation  
678 Bald Eagle Dr, 642-9988

### Marco Island Computer Service

Computer, Photography & Web Design  
816 E Elkcam Circle, 239-537-0523  
www.marcocomputers.com

### Marco Island Living

10% off advertising-web site hosting & services.  
802-221-1498  
www.marcoislandliving.com

### Marco Island Photography

Portrait sitting & finished portraits by  
Peter Berec, 642-3500  
www.marcophotography.com

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