

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a tropical sunset. Several tall palm trees are silhouetted against a sky with orange, yellow, and blue hues. In the distance, there are small thatched-roof huts. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow.

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# President's Message

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

I write this letter with mixed emotion. It will be my last letter to you as president of MICA. I have enjoyed *almost* every moment of my six-year term on the MICA Board. So, for that I am sad to leave. On the positive side, I firmly believe in term limits and am very pleased to turn over my seat on the board to a new face with new ideas. To keep improving our organization or any organization for that matter, we need to have a balanced mix of experienced board members and new people. That's the best of all worlds – a blend of new thoughts, plans and perspectives with historical and organizational know how. When you get your ballot, read the bios, choose your candidates and return your ballot. The good news is we are blessed with excellent choices for the board. It's a great mix of those with MICA experience and some new candidates. You really can't go wrong.

In parting, I hope I have left the organization in at least as good a shape as when I joined the board. We've had some challenges, particularly with Irma. We strived to clean up quickly, thoroughly and safely to get the beach reopened as soon as possible. Many of our employees were struggling with personal damage to their homes, but they understood the symbolic importance of getting the beach opened as soon as it was safe to do so. In addition to reopening quickly, we wanted to do it economically using a combination of insurance and reserves. We did not want to levy an assessment or raise our dues. We are proud of our accomplishments.

My special thanks go out to Ruth McCann, our Executive Director, and Dennis McCann, our Facilities Manager, for their many years of dedicated service. Also, we have a loyal staff in the office and at the beach gates. The Paradise Grill manager and staff do a great job for our members as well.

All of you that have volunteered to help at beach clean ups, on committees and on the board have done a wonderful job and made my job an easy one. Special thanks to Ray McChesney. He is also leaving the board following a six-year term on the board. Ray has managed our Residents' Beach Committee in addition to serving as Vice President. It's been great working with him.

See you at Residents' Beach.



*Kathy Sullivan, President,  
MICA Board of Directors*

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# Marco Island Center for the Arts

*formerly The Art League*

## 50 Years of Art for Marco

In 1969 Marco Island was transforming from a small village into a desirable resort community. The population was roughly 1,000 people. Seven artists gathered and recognized the need to establish a cultural art hub on the developing island. The Art League of Marco Island was incorporated on April 15, 1970. Marco pioneer, Helen Tateo provided space in her art studio and gallery so that Art League artists would have a place to paint and exhibit their work. In April 1970, the first Annual Fine Art Show was held at the Marco Island Shopping Center.

What was missing was a true home for the Art League. There was a vision to develop the building on Winterberry Drive in multiple phases. This vision was realized through multiple steps from 1978 through to 2002. Essential to the growth of the Art League was a gentleman who would be known as Mr. Art League. Charlie Horn was an artist, instructor, fundraiser, board member, board president and ultimately Chairman of the last capital campaign which was completed in 2002. One of Charlie's first achievements in 1995 was to secure a donation for \$50,000 while playing pool with the donor.

However, as the Art League of Marco Island approached its 40th Anniversary, it was beset with financial troubles. The year was 2009 and the world was in the throes of the Recession. The membership, class enrollment and art sales were all declining. Desperate times called for innovation and an aggressive campaign to save the Art League. Volunteer consultant, Dave Rice, arrived on the scene with a plan. Project Rescue kicked off in November of 2009. Failure could likely lead to closure of the venerable Art League. The Project Rescue committee of volunteers sprang into action to implement new efforts to secure funds and engage the community at large. The campaign was successful in bringing artists, businesses and the larger community together.

Unfortunately, the Art League continued to struggle from 2010-2014. The board of directors again faced the possibility of closing.

But it didn't happen and the organization rose like a phoenix from the ashes to reach new heights and experience greater success than it had ever known.

Enter Rosemary Wick. She would serve as President from 2012- 2017 becoming the longest serving board president in the history of the organization which was renamed Marco Island Center for the Arts. Rosemary was known for her fundraising skills as well as her tremendous passion for art, culture, music and literature. This iconic woman played an essential role in transforming a struggling art organization into a thriving community asset. From 2014 to the present, The Art Center has rebounded. The budget more than doubled and the membership is at an all-time high. Programming has increased and includes art exhibitions, over 200 classes and workshops for adults, programs for children and youth, a music series, presentations, exciting events and more.

Marco Island Center for the Arts celebrates 50 years of bringing art to the island and beyond in 2020. The future looks bright and the story goes on...



*Marco Island Center for the Arts  
is located at 1010 Winterberry Drive,  
Marco Island, Florida, 34145.*

*They can be reached at 239-394-4221, or  
e-mail them at [info@marcoislandart.org](mailto:info@marcoislandart.org)*

*They are open Monday to Friday:  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*





# Everglades Restoration Full Steam Ahead! Why it matters to Southwest Florida

*by Charlette Roman, Chair of the Big Cypress Basin and Governing Board  
Member of the South Florida Water Management District*

To start this new year, I spent three days at the annual Everglades Coalition Conference on Captiva Island. This year's conference theme was "All Hands on Deck," an important sentiment, given Florida's challenges with toxic blue-green algae, red tide, flooding, nutrient pollution and more. Attendees from local, state and national environmental organizations filled the venue and shared one common message – expedite Everglades restoration now!

When South Florida was first developed, important wetlands and swamps were drained to make room for people, agriculture and businesses. That draining dramatically altered how water moves through the ecosystem and in our rivers, lakes, and wetlands. These changes protected residents from major flooding and made South Florida habitable for a growing population, but had unintended consequences on our water management system. Everglades restoration is an ongoing effort to restore, preserve and protect the South Florida ecosystem while providing for other water-related needs of the region, including water supply and flood protection. The year 2020 is going to be the biggest one yet in Everglades restoration. Let me share with you what's ahead.



*Charlette Roman,  
Chair of the Big Cypress Basin  
and Governing Board Member  
of the South Florida Water  
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*Groundbreaking for the Caloosahatchee Reservoir C-43*

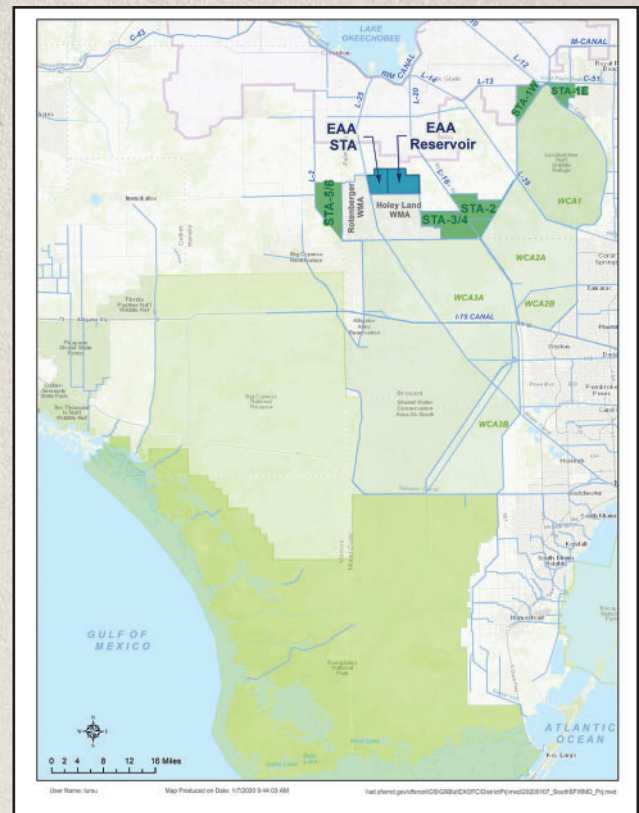




With Governor DeSantis in Tallahassee, we continue to make major strides in protecting Florida's waterways and precious natural resources statewide. Less than 48 hours after taking office, he signed a historic executive order entitled Achieving More Now For Florida's Environment that focused on accelerating key water quality and Everglades restoration projects. In his order, Governor DeSantis identified more than two dozen projects that must be fast-tracked and completed.

One event that has Everglades advocates everywhere excited is the groundbreaking for the Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) at the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) Reservoir Project site. STAs, as they're called by water managers, are man-made wetlands that help remove nutrient pollution from water. The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is building the 6,500-acre water cleansing STA to complement the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' large storage reservoir that can hold water until it's needed.

*Everglades, continued on page 7*



*EAA Project Map. Photo: SWFMD*



*The river of grass reflects the sky in the Everglades National Park*





# Kiwanis Club of Marco Car Show Celebrates Seventeen Years

Seventeen years ago the Kiwanis Club of Marco Island held its first car show. Seventy cars were on display during that show. Since then the show has grown to having over 200 classic and vintage cars on display, making it one of the largest and best attended shows in Collier County. Last year over 3,500 patrons attended the show.

Along with all the awesome classic cars this year will be a special vehicle, a 2019 Ford GT Super Car. Only 500 of these vehicles will be made and the purchasers have to be qualified in order to buy one. This car will be competition for other high-performance cars like the Lamborghini and Ferrari.

This year the Celtic Dancers will return, they are always a crowd favorite, as well as a performance by the Marco Island Glee Club. Period music will be provided all day by our DJ Steve Reynolds. It is really a fun day for the whole family.

Trophies will be awarded in several categories, but the most coveted is the "Darcie Guerin Peoples Choice" award for which all patrons can vote.



So, plan to be at Veterans' Park on **February 16th, 2020** and enjoy a fun day for the whole family. This is not only a car show it is a family day with entertainment, music and food.

The show opens at 9a.m. and closes at 3p.m. The spectator fee for this show is \$5.00, with children under 10 free. 100% of the funds collected by the Kiwanis Club are used to support the children of our neighborhood. Last year we donated over \$60,000 to the children and schools in our neighborhood.





## *Everglades, continued from page 5*

Personally, I'm also looking forward to progress on the Picayune Strand Restoration Project this year. Once fully complete in 2023, 55,000 acres of the Picayune Strand State Forest in Collier County will have been restored to its natural state. Along with rebuilding freshwater wetlands, the Picayune Strand Restoration Project will improve estuarine water quality and reduce unnatural freshwater flows. Restored natural areas like this aren't just good for the environment, but they also help clean water headed to the coast and provide places for water to go in extreme weather events.



*Plugging canals a part of restoring natural sheet flow in Picayune Strand*

Another project underway is the Caloosahatchee Reservoir, which will store local stormwater runoff and water releases from Lake Okeechobee. The health of the Caloosahatchee Estuary depends on it having the right mixture of freshwater and saltwater, and this reservoir will help achieve the proper balance. In addition, a final report from a study to improve the reservoir's water quality is expected later this year.



*Work underway on the Caloosahatchee Reservoir*

Finally, we're celebrating significant milestones on several projects around other parts of the SFWMD to help move water through the entire South Florida system to the right places. The east coast will have a water-cleaning STA for the St. Lucie Estuary. Located on approximately 12,000 acres on the northern side of the St. Lucie Canal in western Martin County, the C-44 Reservoir and STA project will capture local basin runoff and Lake Okeechobee releases. The reservoir will store 50,600 acre-feet of water, the equivalent of roughly 861,000 backyard swimming pools. The STA component will treat the water to reduce nutrient loads and improve water quality, which will upgrade the overall health of the St. Lucie Estuary and the Indian River Lagoon.

And there are several projects to help get more water into the parched Everglades National Park, including the expedited completion of the S-333N water control structure, the removal of miles of Old Tamiami Trail roadbed, and relocation of some historic powerlines. The water control structure is expected to be completed by June 2020.



*A controlled explosion to begin construction on the S-333N Structure, which will provide more water to Everglades National Park*

As you can see, there is a lot happening in the SFWMD during this exciting year for Everglades restoration. It has been an honor to serve as part of the Governing Board during these historic times in restoring America's Everglades. Marco islanders, as well as everyone living in Southwest Florida, know just how important water quality is to our continued economic prosperity and quality of life. There is no time to waste.





# Finding Happiness and a New Purpose in Life Through Pickleball

*by Michael O'Leary*

The first 60 years of my life I was blessed with a sharp mind and the ability to excel in many sports! In 2015 I was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia. Soon after, I lost the ability to run and eventually could barely walk. I found myself filled with many unpleasant thoughts and emotions.

Now I am “disabled”, and my mind is not so sharp. Prior to my diagnosis I felt invincible. I took these gifts that I had been given for granted. I started to realize that my entire life I really had never given much thought to people with disabilities! Sure, when I saw someone in a wheelchair, I felt sorry for them. But I never thought much beyond that. Looking back, I am somewhat embarrassed that I was so caught up in my own charmed life, that I hadn't paid

much attention to those with less fortunate physical and mental abilities.

Over the past five years however I have learned a few things about life and about me. Prior to my diagnosis, I was a decent pickleball player and had become addicted to the sport. So, despite the obvious frustration I was experiencing, I started playing pickleball in a wheelchair. It changed my life and I eventually became competitive once again. But what has really changed for me the most is my desire to get other wheelchair people involved in pickleball. Last year, my wonderful artist wife created a painting which became the cover of the Official Program for the US Open Pickleball Championships. With the help of several of my pickleball friends, we sold raffle tickets and posters at the Open, and raised enough money from the proceeds to purchase three sport wheelchairs. We donated the chairs to East Naples Community Park and Marco Island Racquet Club. Since then I have been teaching people mobility skills for wheelchair pickleball. Last year at the US Open we had six wheelchair participants. Everyone had a great time! At this year's Open, we will have at least 14 wheelchair participants. My goal is to continue to work on the growth of wheelchair pickleball as long as I am able.



*Michael playing pickleball as a standing player*



*Michael playing pickleball with sponsors Rob and Jody Elliott of Engage Pickleball*







*Michael and his wife Cindy at the 2019 Pickleball US Open*

One of the most important lessons I have learned over the past few years is that having a “disability” does not mean that we are no longer able to have fun and enjoy life! From our “disabilities” we can discover “abilities” within us that we never thought were possible. I feel that in many ways I play better than I did as a standing player and find it more enjoyable and rewarding. Now I am obsessed to show other wheelchair people how much fun and enjoyment they can have playing pickleball.

One thing is for sure; the friends I have made on the pickleball courts at the Marco Island Racquet Club and East Naples Community Park are the main reason I am still in the game.

When you see people playing pickleball in a wheelchair, you are witnessing individuals that are playing, competing, laughing, and in general, excelling at life!

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# Clean Boating - For the Fish, For You!

*by Collier County Pollution Control*

Whether it's fishing or just enjoying a day out on the water, boating regularly is one of the best benefits of living in Southwest Florida. However, boating also has the potential to introduce pollution directly into the water. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has a Clean Boater Program to promote the awareness of, and practices that, can keep our waterways clean. Being a clean boater is easy, just check out these tips!

- Proper fueling - Be attentive and don't leave the gas pump unattended when fueling to prevent a spill. Also, consider buying technology that helps to prevent fuel spills.
- Spill cleanup - Keep absorbent pads on hand to use for gas/oil spills in the boat or on the water.
- Boat cleaning - Use non-toxic cleaners and ensure that wash water goes into the grass rather than a drain or down the boat ramp and back into the water.

- Protect plants and sea life - Pay attention to signage for manatee zones and protected areas. Remember to walk or pole a boat out of grass beds.
- Don't litter - Stow all loose items to prevent them from being blown into the water and especially don't throw anything overboard.
- Hazardous waste disposal - Dispose of used paints, oils, and batteries properly at Collier County's recycling centers.
- Human waste management - Use pump out facilities and properly maintain your onboard toilet.
- Clean Marinas - Support marinas in the area that have taken extra steps to gain "Clean Marina" certification to prevent pollution. They deserve everyone's support.

Remember, protecting the water isn't just for the fish, it's also for you! For more information or to find the most recent list of designated Clean Marinas, check out FDEP's website at: <https://floridadep.gov/fco/cva/content/clean-boater-program>.



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# Wildlife Turf Battle at the Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary - Hoo is in the Nest?

*by Linda J. Turner, Director of Community Relations,  
Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary*

Mother Nature has altered the status of the eagle's nesting this year on the Marco Island Nature Preserve! The Preserve's nesting eagles, Calusa and Herb, typically would have prepared their nest and started the mating process by now, thus producing fledglings by the April/May timeframe. Instead, in late September, a pair of great horned owls began squatting in the eagle's nest and are currently residing in the nest.

Like the bald eagle, the great horned owl is a protected species. They are known for stealing the nests of other large birds for their own mating process but do not always win over the nest long term. These owls are the earliest nesting bird in North America, often laying eggs weeks or even months before other raptorial birds. A few

years ago, the eagle pair on the Island Country Club golf course lost their nest to a pair of great horned owls but the eagles regained their nest the following year. Great horned owl hunting activity tends to peak between 8:30p.m. and 12:00a.m. and from 4:30a.m. to sunrise. Great horned owls can however, learn to target certain prey during afternoon daylight when prey is more vulnerable. Adult great horned owls range in length from 17" to 25", and possess a wingspan of 3 to 5 feet, with females being somewhat larger than males. With its very powerful talons, the great horned owl can crush the bones of its prey to make it more compact for carrying.

Calusa and Herb have been seen flying in and out of the Preserve and occasionally perching in





trees, but not the nest tree. If the great horned owl is sitting on eggs in the nest, it is very unlikely the eagles will be using their nest this season. We look forward to the eagles visiting the Preserve over the late spring and summer months as they have for many years and to their return to the nest next nesting season in the fall.

The eagle cam will be kept live and the great horned owl nesting activity can be viewed on [www.MarcoIslandNaturePreserve.org](http://www.MarcoIslandNaturePreserve.org). The Preserve is a bird sanctuary with approximately twenty plus species on the property. Viewing telescopes for adults and children were recently installed at the Preserve so visitors can enjoy observing bird activity.

This spring, walking paths will be established in the Nature Preserve and a gazebo will be constructed this summer for educational gatherings. Many commemorative pavers have been installed along the front of the preserve in honor of local residents and visitors. The Marco Island Nature Preserve and Bird Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer organization.

*Information regarding the Nature Preserve, eagle cam, paver project and donations may be obtained by visiting the website at [www.MarcoNaturePreserve.org](http://www.MarcoNaturePreserve.org).*

*The Nature Preserve is located at 665 Tigertail Court, Marco Island, Florida.*

Photos by Frank Steiger



*Great horned owl peeking over the sides of the nest previously belonging to the eagle pair, Calusa and Herb*



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# America's Boating Club Offers Educational Courses and Seminars

*by Ellen Filipiak, America's Boating Club*

Our waterways and beaches are just two of the many attractions of Marco Island. Many residents, as well as visitors, enjoy boating and other watercraft activities, and America's Boating Club - Marco Island is proud to be one of the premier organizations that offers both educational and social opportunities on the island.

The club offers many educational courses and seminars that are open to the public. All taught by certified instructors, courses include: America's Boating Course, which teaches basic boating knowledge, what to do when meeting another boat in a crowded waterway and how to recognize and handle hazards; Boat Handling, which focuses on understanding the nautical rules of the road, docking and undocking, anchoring, emergencies on board, knots and line handling; and Marine Navigation,



*America's Boating Club class*

which focuses on navigation on recreational boats using GPS as a primary tool, while also teaching traditional techniques so a boater will still be able to find his or her way should GPS fail. While most of the courses are classroom based, the club does offer on-the-water training, too.

Seminars include information on use of VHF/DSC radios, what to do if your captain is incapacitated and you find yourself "suddenly in command," along with how to prepare your boat for a hurricane.

In addition, the club offers free Vessel Safety Checks conducted by certified Vessel Safety Examiners. The examiner makes recommendations as well as discusses safety issues to help make you a better, safer, boater. Items checked on your vessel include: proper display of numbers, proper registration documentation, PFDs/life jackets, visual distress signals, fire extinguishers, ventilation, navigation lights and sound producing devices.

The club provides many other benefits, all with the goal of making boaters and boating safer and more enjoyable. Additional details are available at [marcoboatingclub.org](http://marcoboatingclub.org).



*Certified Instructors: Ted Reiss, Tippy Cavanagh, John Maciolek*

*For more information about classes  
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# The Beach Wheelchair Made All the Difference

*Good Morning:*

*We had friends visiting with an elderly father with severe mobility issues. We decided to try the beach wheelchair and it worked out fabulously. Gate staff was very supportive to give us operating instructions and tips. We were able to get the gentleman to the waterfront for a beautiful sunset.*

*Without the beach wheelchair we would not have even attempted to get this person to the beach. The family has this beautiful picture and special memories of a Marco sunset that will last a lifetime.*

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*For more photos, see page 31*





# Audubon Western Everglades' Burrowing Owl Watch Program

*by Brad Cornell, Policy Director, Audubon Western Everglades*

Who doesn't love the charismatic Florida Burrowing Owl? You may be surprised to learn the second largest population of these beautiful raptors is here in Collier County on Marco Island. And they are spreading out! Owls are moving into Isles of Capri, Fiddlers Creek, and even the City of Naples.

The Florida Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia floridana*) is a state-listed "threatened" bird whose original habitat is the native grasslands of interior Florida. Since the 1950s, urbanization has reduced available habitat, and the owls' numbers have declined considerably. It was listed for increased protection by the state in 2017.

Ironically, in Florida the two largest populations of these owls are in cities – Marco Island and Cape Coral. That's due to the abundance of cleared, sandy

vacant lots, which resemble their native grassy range. The University of Florida and Audubon Western Everglades have been collaborating in recent years on research to determine how the owls have so successfully colonized urban areas, and how to keep their populations sustainable as these urban areas build out. To accomplish that, since 2018, Audubon Western Everglades has hired biologist Alli Smith to apply leg bands to young and adults, with about 100 owls now banded. She also oversees sixty trained volunteers who monitor all nests in the east Naples and Marco Island area during nesting season, which is from mid-February through mid-July.

The most important research question is addressing loss of urban breeding habitat. Audubon Western Everglades staff has been working with



*Florida's burrowing owls typically lay 2-6 eggs. Photo by Heidi Piccerelli*





Marco City Council and Vice-chair Jared Grifoni who proposed a Starter Burrow Incentive Program with small cash grants for any voluntary starter burrows which attract owls to dig. If this strategy works, it could help stabilize Marco Island area owls and be a model for the state.

The Owl Watch Program was started in the late 1990's by the City of Marco's first staff biologist, Nancy Richie, who first counted less than a dozen owls. When she handed the program off to Audubon Western Everglades in 2016, there were about 125 pairs nesting. This past nesting season, our volunteers counted 241 pairs which raised 563 chicks! Many Marco residents are now engaged in owl-watching, and even students at Tommie Barfield Elementary have become involved with an owl family that nests at the school.

The presence of burrowing owls does NOT prevent people from building on their property; they merely need to get a special permit from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to collapse the burrow outside nesting season. The number to call FWC dispatch on any wildlife violations is 888-404-3922.

*To learn more, please go to  
Audubon Western Everglades'  
Owl Watch web page:  
[https://audubonwe.org/our-work/  
owl-watch/](https://audubonwe.org/our-work/owl-watch/)*



*Owl Watch is thankful for the support they get from local businesses like Sunshine Ace Hardware, which provides a discount on supplies for protective fencing and PVC pipes. Seen here is Project Leader Jean Hall with Bruce Mohan at Sunshine Ace Hardware*

#### ***How can you help these owls?***

- 1) Keep cats and pets indoors;
- 2) No pesticides and rodenticides near burrows;
- 3) Drive carefully at night;
- 4) Join Audubon Western Everglades; and
- 5) Adopt an Owl or consider a starter burrow!



*Training takes place annually, with growing interest from the community*





# Marco Island Historical Society and Marco Island Historical Museum Celebrate 2019 Accomplishments



*Key Marco Cat  
A240915,  
Dept of Anthropology,  
Smithsonian Institution*

As 2020 begins, the Marco Island Historical Society (MIHS) celebrates many significant 2019 accomplishments. The “Year of the Cat” now becomes the “Years of the Cat” as the Smithsonian Institution loaned Key Marco Cat and other rare Pre-Columbian Native American artifacts on loan from the University of Pennsylvania continue on exhibit until April 3, 2021 at the Marco Island Historical Museum (MIHM).

This important and historic exhibit — a collaborative effort between MIHS and the Collier County Museums — was recognized with the 2019 Florida Association of Museums Award for Museum Excellence — the highest honor for a museum in the state of Florida. Among other 2019 honors, MIHS was recognized by the Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC) for the expanded exhibit *Paradise Found: 6,000 Years of People on Marco Island* in which the Key Marco Artifacts are showcased.

MIHS staff members also have received 2019 honors. MIHS Curator of Collections Austin Bell received an appointment as a Consulting Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia. In addition, Collections Manager Heather Otis was awarded the Southeastern Registrars Association Travel Scholarship for Emerging Professionals to attend the 2019 SEMC conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

According to MIHS Executive Director Pat Rutledge, “We are so proud of our great professional team members as well as our partners and supporters who have made it possible for us to reach for excellence in everything we do in our work to preserve and present the fascinating and important history of our area to residents and visitors from throughout the world.”

*The Marco Island Historical Museum is located at 180 S. Heathwood Drive. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the site is handicapped accessible. For general information visit [www.themihs.org](http://www.themihs.org) or call (239) 642-1440.*





# Activities of Friends of Tigertail

*by Allie Delventhal, Friends of Tigertail*

Friends of Tigertail is having a busy season, with beach clean-ups, community presentations, and educational sessions.

Partnering with Collier County on September 21, 2019, for the International Coastal Clean-up, 70 volunteers, including kayakers who were able to reach mangrove areas inaccessible to walkers, collected and tabulated 70 pounds of trash, part of the world-wide effort to clean our coastlines.

Another beach clean-up was held on December 7, 2019, hosting 30 volunteers who gathered more than 30 pounds of debris. Additional articles that were too large to haul back were picked up later by the county. We look forward to upcoming beach clean-ups on April 18, 2020, as part of the annual Bay Days/Keep Collier Beautiful county initiative, and again on July 11, 2020.

Our group has been working with the Hideaway tax district and others for the past year to publicize an issue occurring in Big Marco Pass near the lagoon. Over time the area just north of the lagoon has become extremely shallow, restricting tidal flow, and if not mitigated will eventually completely close off the lagoon, affecting ecological balance and water quality. Friends of Tigertail hosted an informational presentation for the community on September 18, 2019, where Dr Mohamed Dabees,

an engineer with Humiston and Moore who studied the issue, described the status of the lagoon, offering solutions to the problem.

Two "Breakfast and Birds" educational sessions were held at the beach discussing "Magnificent Migrators" in November and "Winter Residents" in January. Learning about characteristics of birds at the lagoon, participants were able to practice their bird identification skills.

"Discover Tigertail" is our major annual event and will be held this year on February 22. Several stations are manned by experts in their fields, describing the many treasures of Tigertail such as shells, fish, birds, butterflies, and turtles. This is a family friendly event, enjoyable and educational for the entire family.

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# Your American Cancer Society – We are Superheroes Celebrating for a Cure!

*by Maureen Chodaba, ACS Publicity Volunteer*

It is 2020 and our vision is clear. At the American Cancer Society, we are focused on a mission to free our world from cancer. Until we do, we'll be funding and conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention. All so you can live longer — and better! We are your American Cancer Society.



*Robert J. Flugger,  
2019 Relay for Life  
presenting sponsor*

For the third consecutive year, the 2019 Relay For Life of Marco Island, presented by Robert J. Flugger, placed first in fundraising for the state of Florida. The funds that we raised are currently being used to attack cancer at every angle. We are promoting healthy lifestyles to help prevent cancer. We are researching cancer and

its causes to find definitive answers and more effective treatments. We are fighting for lifesaving policy changes. We are providing everything from emotional support to the most up to date cancer information for those who have been touched by the disease. We are doing this 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We sound like Superheroes, don't we?! That's exactly who we are and who we will be at the 2020 Relay For Life of Marco Island, once again presented by Robert J. Flugger, on February 22 in the place that is so Marco Island – our beautiful beach!

Use your 2020 vision to picture this – a twilight stroll along the beach from the alluring Crystal Shores to the magnificent Hilton. Superheroes will abound as we celebrate survivors, caregivers, family and friends. There will be great fun for all ages as our Relay teams offer food, games and entertainment on the sands of Marco Island in support of the cause. Your path will be lined with luminaria bags that you can personally decorate and place in honor of cancer survivors, caregivers and loved ones lost. They will touch our hearts and embrace our souls, shining their light as footprints in the sand at the Luminaria Ceremony at 6:30p.m.

Admission to this phenomenal celebration is free. Free parking will be available for all who attend. In conjunction with Relay, a complimentary dinner for survivors, caregivers and their families, featuring

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food donated from our finest local restaurants, will be held at Mackle Park Community Center on February 18 from 5 to 7p.m.

Brush the sand from your shoes, put on your fanciest attire and let's head up the beach a bit to the JW Marriott Marco Island on Friday, March 6. Like a bottle of the finest champagne, the Banyan Ballroom will pop with good cheer and a message of hope as Phoenix Roofing presents the Celebration for a Cure, the 2020 American Cancer Society Imagination Ball. Chaired by Debra Shanahan for the eighth consecutive year, this gala fundraiser will feature fine food, music, both live and silent auctions, the Diamond Dig sponsored by Katheinn Jewelers, and the presentation of the prestigious Grado Award to Marco Island's very own Curt and Jacquie Koon of CJ's on the Bay.

The Imagination Ball concludes each year with the goal of our mission. We raise our bidding paddles in our Finish the Fight round, the final showdown. One hundred percent of the funds raised in this round are donated to cancer research. Here is a look at the research programs currently funded by the American Cancer Society:

- Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry of Cancer
- Cancer Biology and Metastasis
- Translational Cancer Research
- Clinical Cancer Research, Nutrition and Immunology
- Cancer Control and Prevention Research
- Health Professional Training in Cancer Control



To learn more about these amazing research programs, please visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). The details are fascinating. The progress is astonishing. The results are bringing us hope each day. We see the fruits of our efforts in the countless and ever-growing numbers of cancer survivors! We celebrate miracles as survivors and their loved ones are celebrating more birthdays, more holidays, and many more precious moments in life!

We are here for you and we need YOU! There are so many ways to be involved. Please join us February 22 for the Relay For Life. Join a team or better yet, start one of your own! We cordially invite you to attend the Celebration for a Cure, March 6 at the JW Marriott. Tickets are on sale, so get yours now before they sell out!

*For more information, tickets and opportunities for volunteering and sponsorship, please contact your American Cancer Society at 239-642-6217 or [Sue.Olszak@cancer.org](mailto:Sue.Olszak@cancer.org).*



### Scenes from The Imagination Ball





# Veggie Sampling by Tommie Barfield Elementary Junior Gardeners

*by Maria Lamb, Calusa Garden Club*

For the Junior Gardeners at Tommie Barfield Elementary School (TBE), there is no such thing as a “black thumb.” With the use of earth boxes and working with the Calusa Garden Club members as mentors, the participants of the Junior Gardeners Program can’t go wrong.

The earth boxes were a big hit last year in the TBE after school enrichment program. This year, the Calusa Garden Club brought them back, with a few tweaks. Gardens help teach young kids where their food comes from and how they can eat healthier. The students enjoy the outdoor activity while learning about the plants in their assigned earth boxes. They also learn what makes the plants grow.



*Salad Group Kyleigh Haueter,  
Ava Richardson and Hannah Ali  
preparing their earth boxes*

No worries – with earth boxes, every student at TBE has a green thumb. Sue Oldershaw of the Calusa Garden Club explained the use of the earth boxes to the new students. For the students who participated last year, this served as a refresher course.



*Squash Garden  
with Melanie Gomez and Gavin Swift*

Sue Oldershaw told the students, “All you need for your earth box is sun, air, water and fertilizer and you will have a good harvest.”

Everything is included with the earth box kit except the soil. The planter comes with a watering tube, a set of caster wheels for easy moving, fertilizer, dolomite and plastic cover. The plastic



*Herb Garden with Natalie Arguelles  
and Samantha Tegrotenhuis - both are  
enjoying the scent of mint, sage & oregano*







*Stir-Fry Garden with Ella Lindgren, Jacquelin Miller and Kathleen Hamilton*



*Pizza Garden with Samuel Montgomery, Palen Lindgren and Calvin Grifoni*



*Ava Richardson, Kyleigh Haueter and Hannah Ali "about to try Swiss chard"*



*Salsa Garden with Caleb Schemel, Skylar Lynn and Peyton Reed*

cover keeps in moisture. The instructions explain exactly how to add the dolomite and fertilizer into the soil, where to plant, and how to water. And the best part – no weeding!

Something new this year is the grouping of the plants assigned in the earth boxes. Students were assigned an earth box in groups of threes. Each group was assigned a planting category. For example, the Pizza Garden was assigned to Calvin Grifoni, Samuel Montgomery, Palen Lindgren and Sebastian Ramirez. Their earth boxes had plants that would go well with pizza, such as peppers, tomatoes and herbs.

The Salad Garden was assigned to Kyleigh Haueter, Ava Richardson and Hanna Ali. The Salsa Garden was assigned to Skylar Lynn, Caleb Schemel and Peyton Reed. The Stir-Fry Garden was assigned

to Kathleen Hamilton, Ella Lindgren, and Jacquelin Miller.

Natalie Arguelles and Samantha Tegrotenhuis were assigned the Herb Garden, and they proceeded to name their plants. Natalie planted "Baby the Basil" and "Olivia, the Cuban Oregano," while Samantha planted "Kloe the Chive" and "Tafara the Thai Basil."

The earth boxes are planted thanks to the Calusa Garden Club members present at the October planting: Sue Oldershaw, Donna Kay, Marianne Foley, Susan Neustadt, Bruce Neustadt, Opi DeFalco, Bernadette Longo, Tiki Finney and Maria Lamb.

Junior Gardeners meet the first Wednesday of each month, October through May.





# Marco Island Academy

## Key Club - Making a Difference

Since its inception, Key Club has always remained focused on the love of service for one's home, school, community and world, and over time, these ideals have not changed. Our own Marco Island Academy Key Club is constantly working to inspire our youth to find the same affinity in helping others. Nearly 40% of the MIA student body are registered as official Key Club members. Several types of volunteer events allow members to aid others in the areas they are passionate about, while exposing them to new opportunities for service. Aside from working to instill the values of volunteering within our peers, we aim to teach them leadership skills which they can apply to better navigate within their

daily lives, community, and throughout the world. These core values of leadership, character building, caring, and inclusiveness combine together to promote our members to become intelligent, good willed, and active citizens.

- **2018 - 2019 Total Key Club Service Hours: 3,038**
- **2019 - present Service Hours: 2,454**
- **Key Club currently has 96 members (a 25% increase from last year).**
- **Now, nearly 40% of MIA students are involved in Key Club and help improve their community.**

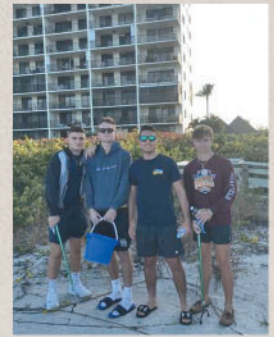
### *MIA Key Club Service Projects (2018 - Present)*

- Taste of Marco
- Healthy Kids Day
- Taste of Collier
- Mad Hatter
- Collecting and Making Dog Toys
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive for St. Matthews House
- Diaper Drive
- Literacy Buddies
- Domestic Violence 5K
- Trick or Treat for UNICEF
- Spooktacular
- Thanksgiving Dinner Donations
- Golden Gate Thanksgiving Dinner
- Farm City BBQ
- Thirst Project Fundraising
- Cookies n' Milk with Santa
- Holiday Cards for Nursing Home Patients
- MLK Parade
- Kiwanis Car Show
- Tour de Marco YMCA
- Souper Bowl
- Spring Jubilee Mackle Park
- Mutts and Martinis YMCA
- Aqua Ball North Naples Kiwanis
- Volunteer work for St. Mark's Pre-school
- Camp Able
- Monthly Beach Clean-Ups
- Fourth of July Fundraiser (Isles of Capri)
- Parents' Night Out Mackle Park
- Meals of Hope with Gulf Coast High School
- Literacy Buddies Pen Pals with five classrooms at Tommie Barfield Elementary School
- Bootacular YMCA
- Movies in the Park
- Marco Island Meals of Hope
- Chili Cook-Off
- YMCA After School Tutoring (8 weeks)
- Holiday Toy Drive
- North Naples Meals of Hope
- Kiwanis 5K
- The Giving Tree
- MIA Beach Clean-Up

Additionally we participate in numerous trainings and district wide conferences including: District Education and Leadership Conference(DCON) for Florida, Key Club Kick-Off Conference, Spring Zone Rally, and Divisional Council Meetings.







***Marco Island Academy Key Club Mission Statement:  
Key Club is an international student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character, and develop leadership.***



*For more information about Marco Island Academy and Marco Island Academy Key Club visit their websites at <https://mia-keyclub.weebly.com> and [www.marcoislandacademy.org](http://www.marcoislandacademy.org)*





# Welcome Police Chief Tracy Frazzano



*MICA Board members met with  
Marco Island Police Chief  
Tracy Frazzano  
in December*



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- **DO** Lock up all medications and keep away from children and teens.
- **DO** Bring unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication to one of the locations listed for proper disposal.
- **Don't** Flush medication down the toilet. It is a danger to our environment.
- **Don't** Bring needles or other "sharps." They cannot be accepted.\*





# ZAZA Kitchen adds Detroit Style Pizza to Menu

Islanders who have frequented ZAZA Kitchen over the last couple of years know that ZAZA Kitchen is famous for its authentic Mexican dishes. From the mouth watering Carne Asada Fries and Esquites (Mexican street corn salad) to the burritos, quesadillas, tacos, tortas, burgers and ZAZA bowls and salads, the selection, taste and prices can't be beat! But wait . . . it gets even better!

ZAZA Kitchen has now added Detroit style pizza to its menu. Detroit style pizza is a square pizza with sauce on top of cheese and a cheesy crust all around that comes from baking the pie in a Detroit steel pan. ZAZA's most popular pie is Hot Honey. The Hot Honey Pie has pepperoni, capicola, ricotta and Mike's Hot Honey drizzled on top. Mike's Hot Honey is honey infused with Brazilian chili peppers.

Every Wednesday the special is Pizza Wings and Wine featuring pizza BOGO half off, .50 wings and \$2.99 wine! Other specials include Taco Tuesday with happy hour all night and \$2 El Niño taco and Fajitas Friday with \$9.99 chicken fajitas all night.

ZAZA serves beer and wine and has an excellent ZAZARita!



*ZAZA's Hot Honey and Veggie  
Detroit style pizzas*

There is something for everyone at ZAZA Kitchen. Of course, they happily accept the MICA card for a 10% discount and free queso. They also offer delivery via Doordash.

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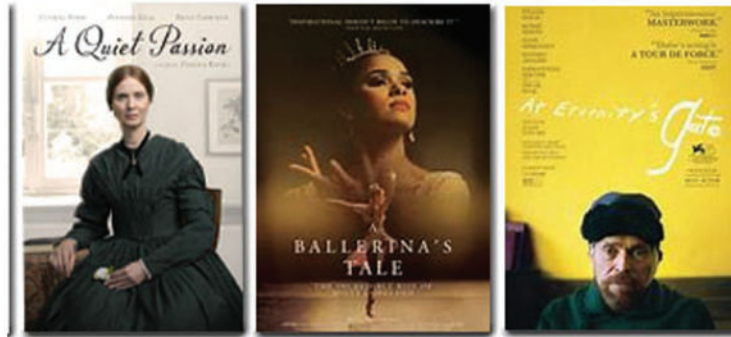


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### Left Bank Art Fest

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Feb. 9th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 8th, Mar. 29th

At the YMCA corner - Sunday 10am-4pm

April 5th

### Brushes & Paint Outdoor Art Show & Sale

At the M.I. Historical Museum - Saturdays 10am-3pm

February 15th & March 7th







## Residents' Beach Holiday Party



*For more photos, see pages 16 & 17*





# Habitat for Humanity of Collier County

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

As a new decade begins, more than 2,200 families are grateful for the hand-up offered to them by Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and our generous partners. Volunteers came out in force to start the New Year building our three new Habitat communities, one in Immokalee and two in Naples. Dockside and Vincent's Acres, our two Naples communities located off Collier Boulevard, are ideal locations for those working on Marco Island. Each year about 8 families working on Marco Island are approved to purchase a Habitat home.

In January 2020, six new families were qualified and approved to purchase a Habitat home. Two of those families work on Marco Island. One family,

Lovenson and Maniolita, just welcomed a brand new baby boy four months ago. Sadly, their cramped efficiency apartment was barely big enough for the two of them without the addition of an infant. Their dream is to give their son a safe and decent home where he can learn to crawl and walk. Eventually they hope to have a yard where it is safe for him to play outside and make friends with neighbor children.

Lovenson works full-time at JW Marriott on Marco Island in Events Services. His full-time schedule has him working nights and weekends. Maniolita was an accountant in her native Haiti which has proved helpful as they manage their tight



*Habitat home dedication ceremony*





budget. Now that their son is here, Maniolita plans to go to school to become a phlebotomist. This hard-working couple is determined to purchase their home and provide their son with a bright future.

Christina was also approved in January to purchase a home where she will raise her children. She works two jobs to make ends meet. Christina has been in housekeeping at Hideaway Beach Club for 2 years, plus she works at Winn Dixie. Rent for their two bedroom apartment is over \$1,300 per month. Even so, Christina has saved enough money to bring her two older children, son Felipe and daughter Fatima, here from Mexico. She is saving now to bring her younger daughter to the US. Christina was born in the US but her children were born in Mexico so it has been more of a struggle than she expected. Christina's dream is to have her three children reunited and living in a safe and decent home in the United States.

Habitat Collier remains focused on our singular goal of making homeownership a reality for hard-working, low-wage earners like Christina, Lovenson and Maniolita, who make life enjoyable for all who live in Collier County. You know these workers and likely see them every day at places such as Publix, The Island Country Club, CVS, many restaurants and golf courses that we enjoy. Affordable housing is virtually non-existent for these workers 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%.

Thanks to the generous support of our many partners throughout Collier County, especially our friends on Marco Island, Habitat Collier continues to offer a helping hand to those who qualify and complete our rigorous application process, hoping only that they will finally have an affordable, stable home where their children may grow and thrive. Each of the families now living in a 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. Your hand-up has given families the chance to have a solid foundation through homeownership.

Please consider joining us for a Habi-tour or home dedication ceremony. Habi-tours will leave from the Habitat office, 11145 Tamiami Trail East, at 9 a.m. on January 22 and February 11, 2020. You will learn about the need for affordable housing in Collier County and how Habitat Collier and our partners address it. Home dedications are the time when volunteers, donors, and new Habitat homeowners come together to share the results of their work as homes are blessed and dedicated. Dedications happen throughout season with two scheduled in Dockside on February 8 and 15, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Twice Habitat for Humanity of Collier County was honored to be 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, Habitat Collier has received fifteen four-star ratings from the nonprofit watchdog. 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. Habitat Collier earned the 2019 Platinum GuideStar Nonprofit Seal of Transparency, the highest level of recognition offered by GuideStar.

*Keep up to date on what is happening  
by visiting our website  
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10% off any arrangement/walk-in only  
www.bellafloralstc.com

**Critter Café,** Excludes dog and cat food  
www.crittercafemarcoisland.com  
810 Bald Eagle Dr, 389-8488

**First Pawn Jewelry & Loan**  
889 Airport Rd S, Naples, 434-7296  
5%-20% off jewelry. Firearms, instruments & tools discounts vary.

**Keep In Touch,** Shops of Marco  
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**Linda Roberts Gallery/Marco Art**  
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Island prints. www.lindarobertsgallery.com  
410-944-4440 & 410-302-2387

**Marco Home**  
10% in-store purchase  
Discount available for design/staging services  
207 N Collier Blvd., 239-389-9700  
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677 S Collier Blvd, 393-0353  
www.sunshinebooksellers.com

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**Cache Dry Cleaners**  
666 Bald Eagle Dr, 394-0099

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**A. Pinto Self Storage,** 394-1822  
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994 N Barfield Dr

**Esplanade:** Collier Blvd & Elkcarn Circle. **Marco Walk:** South Collier Blvd & Winterberry Drive.  
**Shops of Marco:** North Barfield Drive & San Marco Road. **Town Center:** N. Collier Blvd, & Bald Eagle Dr.





**A.S.A.P. Lock of Marco Island.** 394-0318  
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**Beach Bum Equipment Rentals**  
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www.beachbumequipmentrentals.com  
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**Collier Tropical Landscaping**  
10% off all landscaping, tree trimming or lawn service contracts not less than \$125.  
Sergio 821-3213. www.colliertropical.com

**Complete Stone Management,** 642-3173  
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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**  
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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

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gcs-clean.net, 389-9140  
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642-1005

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

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Lawn Maintenance, 465-8086  
First month free lawn maintenance

**Tiny Tikes Treasures (Rentals)**  
247 N Collier Blvd., 389-1868  
www.tinytikestreasures.com

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**Aviation North**  
Marco Island Executive Airport,  
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www.AviationNorth.com

**Dolphin Cove Marina**  
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www.DolphinCoveMarina.com  
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**Dolphin Explorer**  
Rose Marina, 642-6899  
www.dolphin-study.com

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www.themarcoislandprincess.com

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**Marco Pedal Boat**  
Book online: www.MarcoPedalBoat.com  
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when booking. 239-920-1230  
Pickup at 3620 Collier Blvd, Naples 34114

**Paradise Cycle Boat Cruises**  
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1085 Bald Eagle Dr (behind Riverside Club Condo) GPS:25°58.291 81°43.608  
www.pelicanpiermarina.com 389-2628

**Rose Marina**  
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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 Elkcarn Cir, 394-9333  
www.walkershideawaymarina.com

**Walker's Marine**  
642-6764 Parts & service for customers in WM computer, 785 Bald Eagle Dr

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Cosmetics, 642-0297, 821-7976

**Jeffery M. Bogan Insurance Agency**  
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261-6533

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www.heralynn.com

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Personality Portrait Painting by Heidi

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**Marco Island Computers**  
606 Bald Eagle Drive, Suite 605  
239-269-1978 Marcoislandcomputers.com

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816 E Elkcarn Circle, 239-537-0523  
www.marcocomputers.com

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The above businesses participate in MICA's Members Only Discount Program and extend a minimum 10% discount to MICA & Residents' Beach members unless otherwise noted. Please present your card at time of purchase. Discounts are not valid with any other offers. Discounts are for MICA & Residents' Beach members' purchases only.





# Coast Guard Auxiliary Announces Safe Boating Course Schedule for 2020

*by Richard Clarke, USCG Auxiliary, Flotilla Staff Officer, Public Affairs*

As we enter another season, Flotilla 95, in our 53<sup>rd</sup> year serving Marco and the 10,000 Islands, has announced the 2020 schedule for our safe boating classes.

The mission of the Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety Program is to minimize loss of life, personal injury and property damage, and to prevent negative environmental impact associated with recreational boating. Flotilla 95's educational programs, which are taught by USCG certified instructors, make these programs available to the public. You need not own a boat!

## ***Boating Skills & Seamanship***

This course covers a variety of important topics and provides information that will help attendees become better boaters. Topics covered include: Rules of the Road, "Highway" Signs & Navigation, Equipment, Boat Handling, Boating Laws, Safety, Radio Operation, Lines & Knots and weather.

This 20-hour course meets twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays) for 4 weeks. There are 2 scheduled courses, which begin January 13 through February 6, and March 2 through March 26, 6:30-9:00p.m. Cost: \$60.00. A textbook will be provided.

## ***Boaters Local Knowledge - Marco Island***

This class provides practical information on how to navigate the various waterways in and around Marco Island. Aerial and on-water videos and photos are used throughout the course and allow attendees to actually see the local areas. This class is recommended for novice and intermediate boaters, or those new to the area.

Dates for this 4-hour class: February 19, March 16 & April 13, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Cost: \$60.00

Top Spot Chart N204, available at most marinas, is strongly recommended for this class for marking routes and hazard areas.

Note: Three of these classes are held the day before the Local Knowledge - Backwater Edition class. For continuity, people often enroll in both.

## ***Boaters Local Knowledge - Backwater Edition***

This class begins where the Marco Island Area class ends, and provides those who want to fish and explore the backwaters of the 10,000 islands with information they will need to safely navigate this unique area. Geography, tides, routes and other navigation factors are thoroughly discussed. Aerial photos are used extensively. This class is recommended for intermediate boaters and above.

Dates for this 4-hour class: February 20, March 17 & April 14, 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Cost: \$60.00

Top Spot Chart N204, available at most marinas, is strongly recommended for this class for marking routes and hazard areas.

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*All Courses are held at the  
USCG Auxiliary Station, Flotilla 95:  
Caxambas Park, 905 Collier Ct.,  
Marco Island, FL. 34145*

*These courses usually sell out so please  
register early by contacting  
Mr. Joe Riccio at  
CGAUXcourses@gmail.com, or  
239-384-7416*







## Momentary power interruptions

### Lee County Electric Cooperative

A brief loss of power is sometimes frustrating but it is a sign that technology is working to prevent a much longer power outage. Typically, a momentary outage lasts less than five minutes allowing for protective devices on the electric grid to open and close in response to a fault. A fault can be caused by a variety of things like storms, tree branches, animals, vehicle accidents, or equipment failure. Without these protective devices, electric facilities could be damaged requiring manual replacement or repair which takes time and can be costly. Coastal areas and regions with extensive vegetation and wildlife are more prone to momentary outages. LCEC continually monitors these types of outages and makes adjustments when possible.

## Beach Clean-up Schedule

- **Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8 a.m.**  
Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by Ace Painting & Cub Scout Pack 234*
- **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.**  
Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by America's Boating Club*
- **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.**  
Quarterly Beach Clean-up at Tigertail Beach *sponsored by Friends of Tigertail*
- **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.**  
Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by Marco Island Area Association of Realtors*
- **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.**  
Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by Marco Island Chamber of Commerce*
- **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.**  
Quarterly Beach Clean-up at Tigertail Beach *sponsored by Friends of Tigertail*
- **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m.**  
Beach Clean-up at South Beach *sponsored by CJ's on the Bay*

*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.*

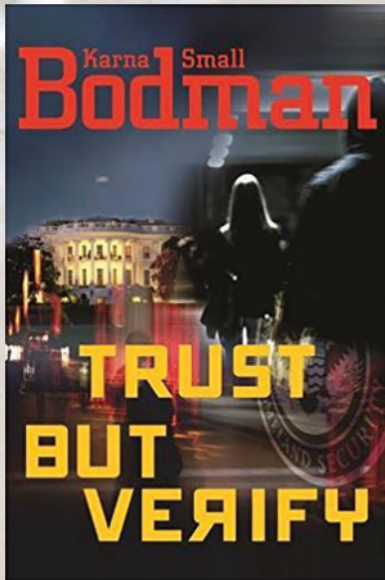




# Marco Island Library - Books & Brews Event

*Save the Date: March 13, 2020*

On Friday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m., author Karna Small Bodman will be the presenter for the Annual Books & Brews event at the Marco Island Library. Her presentation will highlight the inspiration for her latest book, *Trust But Verify* as well as how she turned her White House experiences into five international thrillers. Karna served six years on President Ronald Reagan's White House staff, first as Deputy Press Secretary and later as Senior Director and Spokesman for the National Security Council where she was the highest-ranking woman on The White House Staff.



Karna Small Bodman is the author of five published thrillers that have hit “#1 in Thrillers” on Amazon and won several international awards. Her newest novel, *Trust But Verify*, is described by author Lee Child this way: “Bodman’s hard-

won insider information and sheer storytelling talent make this a book to remember.” And Kyle Mills, bestselling author of the Vince Flynn Mitch Rapp series says, “Bodman’s insider knowledge lends her books a realism rare in the genre.”

In addition to her government service, Karna was on the air for 15 years as a TV News Reporter and Anchor in San Francisco and Washington, DC and did political commentary for the ABC Network in New York. She and her husband maintain homes in Naples, FL, Washington, DC and Rancho Santa Fe, CA.



*Author Karna Small Bodman,  
presenter of Books & Brews Event  
at the Marco Island Library*

*Her website is: [www.karnabodman.com](http://www.karnabodman.com)*

*The Books & Brews as well as other annual events are planned by the Friends of the Marco Island Library Board. Refreshments will be served. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m.*

*The Marco Island Library is located at 210 S. Heathwood Drive. For reservations and more information call 239 394-3272.*







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# Marco Island Residents' Beach Members Only Concerts



Sunday, Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 p.m.  
**The Sean Fleming Band**

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.  
**Jimmy Stowe  
& The Stowaways**



Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m.  
**The SCS Band**



Events are for members of Residents' Beach. Please bring lawn/beach chair, blanket & Residents' Beach ID card to gain entrance. Walking, biking, carpooling encouraged!