

Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA)

May 21, 2024

at Nordland Garden Club

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

YouTube Videos from the presentations at the May 21, 2024, MICA General meeting are now posted on YouTube – see imbedded links below.

6:30 Social gathering before start of meeting

Presidents Call to Order

President Gary Rowe opened the meeting at 7:00 welcoming the attendees to the November MICA meeting. 6 new attendees: Andrea Lawson and Micheal Hamilton, Steve and Becky Lesser, Katy Owen and Kevin

Comments from Gary

- Kudos to Talent Show arrangers, Radha Newsom and Bob Jaffe, and to all the great talent that participated in the show.
- Thank you to Jessica Lowe, for arranging, and Chief Black for a great presentation on Wildfire Safety on Marrowstone Island. The videos can be reviewed here:
 - Video #1: https://youtu.be/sft57k-V_Ns?feature=shared
 - Video #2: <https://youtu.be/ls7jHB7Cjow?feature=shared>
 - Video #3: <https://youtu.be/4-VNDGslzAE?feature=shared>
 - Video #4: <https://youtu.be/81xBzywc9uc?feature=shared>
- Thank you for all the MICA 2023/2024 Board Members for a great year.
- A special thank you to out-going Past President that carried MICA through the pandemic years. Gary happy to move into the Past President role
- Thank you to out-going Treasurer, Barry Lerich and special not that he and Ellen are the 2023 MICA Citizens of the Year!

Election of Officers 2024-2025

- Gary Rowe, Past President
- Jessica Lowe, President
- Radha Newsome, Vice President
- Nancy Nuerenberg, Treasurer
- Bob Jaffe, Secretary
- Colleen Ebken, Member at large
- Jackie Canterbury, Member at large

Gary asked if there were any nominations from the floor? No additional nominations Barry moved the new Board be elected and Doug seconded. Gary said that there was the need to

appoint 2 members to the nomination committee and asked if there were any volunteers. No offers so the positions remain open.

Reports and General Island Information

Two Future MICA Programs

- Strawberry Festival June 23rd, this year back at Fort Flagler lower campground.
- September meeting will be the next formal meeting in September with fingers crossed for the annual pot luck [cancelled last year because of peak in COVID at the time]

Treasurer Report

Barry Lerich gave the Treasurer's Report:

MICA Funds:

- MICA General Checking Balance \$3,535.27
- Sound View Cemetery Checking Balance \$11,474.40
- Sound View Cemetery CD Balance \$15,872.28

2024 dues are now open for collection

Cemetery Report

Bruce Carlson thanked all who participated in the annual cleanup and for Gary Rowe's donation of a trailer to allow easier dumping at the landfill. Grant to replace the sign was awarded and the contractors have been picked and the state will need to approve form and function. Old sign will be used temporarily to fill the gap until the new sign is installed. The cemetery was awarded the funds because it fits the definition of a historic cemetery.

Membership Committee

80 members, Bob Jaffe, would like to see double that next year.

Nordland Garden Club Report

President Carol Woodard of the Nordland Garden club activities.

- Successful 2023 Plant Sale
- Spring Arts Market on Mother's Day Weekend. Local island young adults did a good job selling flowers
- A new brochure is available, some history and information about potential rental of the NGC building for events and functions

Friends of Fort Flagler

Mark Secord reported:

- Very successful and well attended membership meeting. Dot vote of where members want the organization to focus efforts was “Wildlife Protection and Habitat”
- Plans to follow the vote with restoration of the Marrowstone Point outside the berm area back to its original Salt Marsh and Prairie conditions
- Mini-Canoe trip this year and the organization is looking for volunteer ambassadors to explain to the visiting public the history and significance of the event

Nordland Store

Linda Secord gave a status update about the opening on 25 May and modelled the merch sweatshirt that would be available for purchase. She stated the Tractor Days would return on the 26th.

Intros & Committee Updates: <https://youtu.be/Frpt3wUWqGI>

Jefferson County Foundation – the State of Jefferson County

Siobhan Canty presented the state of the county report. The detailed PowerPoint slides will be posted after the meeting. Video recording:

Siobhan Canty, E.D. of the Jefferson Community Foundation - an update on the status of Jefferson County: https://youtu.be/CyQ-c_gG1Vg

Aging Gracefully on Marrowstone Island

Bob Jaffe, retired family practiced doctor, presented information on aging gracefully on Marrowstone Island and how it is for young and old to consider.

Dr. Bob Jaffe - Aging Gracefully on Marrowstone Island: <https://youtu.be/f8Kz-PzHtFI>

8:25 Closing and Adjourn

Final Questions & Comments: <https://youtu.be/WLaqV4mldxg>