



# CITY OF MARCO ISLAND

## OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

To: City Council  
From: Steven T. Thompson, City Manager  
Date: August 22, 2008  
Re: Weekly Update

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There are always a number of issues facing any energetic city, and the City staff works to avoid surprises and to ensure that the City Council is informed on issues and able to respond to citizens. We do so under a comprehensive communications strategy, using a variety of communication methods and tools, and one important tool is a weekly summary of issues projects and concerns, known as the "*Weekly Update*".

Each week an *Update* is provided to the City Council to enhance the communication efforts and to ensure that there are no surprises. The *Update* is intended to provide timely and regular information for the City Council, and often includes substantive and critical information. Copies are also provided through the City's website for the community. Items that are marked with an asterisk (\*) are updates from a previous City Council Meeting.

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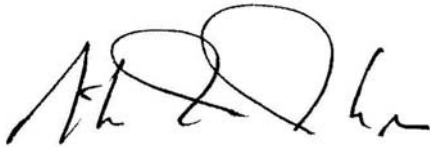
**Tropical Storm Fay.** This week Tropical Storm Fay kept City staff busy. City staff has worked diligently to come up with some preliminary figures on the possible FEMA reimbursable costs associated with Tropical Storm Fay that is still impacting us and Florida.

- **Reimbursement.** Fire Chief Murphy, Jim Miller and Bob Creighton met with FEMA representatives this morning at Collier County EOC. The purpose of that meeting was to go over all categories of possible reimbursement and some of our estimated incurred costs. The initial estimate was approximately \$160,000 without the issues of debris removal and obvious beach erosion. We were able to present our case and it appeared to be well received. The FEMA representatives agreed to make a site visit to our City to look at the beach and meet with staff. That mission was accomplished and Mr. Harrison provided some essential information to help expedite the claim process and hopefully we are on our way.
- **Debris Management.** The debris management is changing today. Parks and Recreation Director Dana Souza, Finance Director Bill Harrison and Information Services Manager Lisa Douglass met with FEMA representatives and with Dan Rodriguez with Collier County Government. The County will assign a monitor and debris collection crews specifically to Marco Island. City staff did a City-wide assessment this morning of landscape debris that has been piled in the swales. The information we gathered will assist Ashbrit in cleaning up the island quickly. Lisa

Douglass will issue a news release and update the information on our web site after Collier County has formally announced their plans to pick up storm debris. (See Attachment)

- **Damage Assessment.** The City completed a damage assessment and revealed there were no damages that would render a building uninhabitable. There was one report of a flooded home at 269 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. This is a repetitive loss and Bob Devlin is handling the situation with FEMA. There were 98 properties with superficial damage to the building or damage to the accessory structures. This included several carports, sheds, screen cages, trellises, solar systems, and many screen panels and fences. Based on visual inspections, there appears to be only minimal damage to roofs, none require a permit. There may be roof leaks that we are not aware of yet. Staff will review roof permit numbers in the coming weeks for dramatic increases. An estimated value of \$150,000 in damages were observed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 239-389-5001.

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Steven T. Thompson, City Manager

**Tropical Storm Fay Horticultural Debris (Yard Waste) Disposal Update**  
**FEMA Funds available; non-prepared yard waste will be collected.**

On Friday morning, August 22, Collier County was included in the Presidential Emergency Declaration for Tropical Storm Fay. This declaration makes federal disaster relief funds for residential storm-related horticultural debris collection available through FEMA.

Residents of the unincorporated areas of Collier County, the City of Marco Island, and the City of Everglades City who have large amounts of storm-related horticultural debris (yard waste) are asked to pile the storm-related yard waste on the right-of-way in front of their property as soon as possible. County contractors will begin collecting piles of storm-related yard waste on Monday, August 25. Collection will continue over the next two weeks (through Sunday, September 7).

- Residents should pile storm-related yard waste in the right-of-way in front of their property as soon as possible.
- Do not place debris piles near mailboxes, parked cars, fire hydrants, street lamps, utility boxes/poles, or other obstacles. The contractor will be using heavy lifting equipment to collect the yard waste and placing piles too near a mailbox or other object could result in damage.
- Do not use plastic bags for yard waste. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.
- Do not mix garbage or construction/demolition debris with the yard waste.
- Horticultural debris (yard waste) must be a result of Tropical Storm Fay. FEMA monitors will inspect debris piles for compliance. If a debris pile is deemed ineligible (non-storm related), it will not be collected.

Residents who are able to prepare small amounts of yard waste for collection on their regularly scheduled yard waste collection day should follow these standards:

- Logs, limbs, branches, and palm fronds no larger than 4-inches in diameter, cut to no longer than 4- foot lengths, and bundled with heavy string or twine into bundles weighing no more than 50 pounds, set curb side for collection.
- Leaves, twigs, and smaller items of landscape debris placed into paper bags (no plastic bags accepted) or personal containers, set curb side for collection.

For questions or information regarding the collection of Tropical Storm Fay-related yard waste, call Public Utilities Customer Service at **239-252-2380**.

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