



Construction sites are just one of the areas where Bill Hulbig and Bonnie Calvin collect litter.

honk or give them the thumbs up. Once last year, both Bonnie and Bill found cash. Picking up litter is contagious, according to Bonnie, as she has noticed more residents walking with collection bags and picking up litter during their morning walks. Bill observed, as he did three years



A local morning walker and their pup chat with Bill Hulbig and Bonnie Calvin on South Barfield.

ago, the absence of a Do Not Litter Sign anywhere in Marco Island –

“So, there is no incentive NOT to Litter,” he added.

Bill has created a catchy phrase for his newly designed patent-pending

Littergator grabber - “No need to bend down to pick up litter, use the Littergator.”

He plans to have a limited supply of tester samples for volunteers to use for beach/neighborhood clean-ups. If interested, send an email to: billh@communitychanges.net.

Marco Sea Turtle Nest Hatched

By Maria Lamb

Sea Turtle nest number one hatched last week, and according to sea turtle monitor J. Jewett, Mary Nelson, Marco’s Sea Turtle Lady, attended the excavation of the nest. “Who knows? This nest could have been one of Mary’s hatchlings some 30 years ago,” she said. According to experts, loggerheads reach sexual maturity at around 30-35 years. In addition, sea turtle monitors recorded an additional three hatched nests for the week of July 8-14th.

As the first nest approached the expected hatch date (approximately 60 days), monitors look for signs of hatching, such as obvious depression in the sand or hatching tracks around the nest. According to Jewett, there was no evidence of hatchling disorientation around nest number one. The nest was in an area protected from light pollution and rain each night didn’t help confirm they made it to the Gulf. There were no visible tracks and so it is assumed the hatchlings all made it to the Gulf.



Photos by J. Jewett

Mary Nelson, Marco’s longtime Sea Turtle Lady, checks out nest number one. The obvious depression in the sand indicates a hatching.

Each nest is excavated for evaluation approximately 72 hours (three days) following signs of emergence according to Collier County Sea Turtle Protection Plan; all contents of the egg cavity are removed by hand and data from each nest are recorded.

Nelson has over 30 years of experience with the sea turtle hatching process, when she first witnessed a sea turtle hatch outside of her Marco beachfront condo in 1991. She started volunteering for Collier County sometime in 1995; Nelson driving the County sea turtle ATV every morning during the sea turtle season became a permanent morning routine on Marco Island. Nelson stays involved with the sea turtle monitoring program as a mentor and part-time morning monitor.

Collier County started monitoring sea turtle activity on Marco Island in 1990. Loggerheads coming to nest on Marco’s beach started out as hatchlings and guided by their “natal homing” instinct, return to the same beach where they were hatched.



Sea turtles’ natal homing instinct has them return to the site where they hatched, so it is possible that this nest could have been one of Mary Nelson’s hatchlings some 25 years ago.

Sea Turtle Activity Update July 8 - 14, 2025

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	266	207	254	179	18	27	2
Delnor Wiggins	62	52	93	70	4	6	0
Vanderbilt	256	209	193	189	23	23	2
Parkshore	196	194	262	174	12	10	4
City of Naples	243	232	210	265	11	16	0
Keewaydin Is.	490	378	694	589	35	27	0
Sea Oat Island	15	10	17	17	0	0	0
Marco Island	99	89	288	221	4	5	0
Kice and Cape Romano	160	117	202	179	0	9	0
10,000 Islands	139	118	157	131	6	18	0
Collier County Totals	1926	1606	2370	2014	113	141	8

To report dead, injured or disoriented sea turtles on Marco call 239-289-9736 or 239-289-9687



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