

**VOTING INFORMATION:**

Date of the election is August 26, 2014. The polls will be open at all Marco Island precincts from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The last day to register to vote is July 28, 2014.

**HOW DO I RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL?**

Registered voters of the City may request an "absentee ballot" on line at [www.colliervotes.com](http://www.colliervotes.com) or by calling the Supervisor of Elections office at (239) 252-VOTE (8683). Absentee ballots will not be forwarded by the Post Office. The last day to request an "absentee ballot" is August 20, 2014.

**THE BALLOT QUESTION WILL READ:**

**REFERENDUM TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO CONSTRUCT A NEW COMMUNITY CENTER AT MACKLE PARK**

Shall the City expend up to \$3.5 million dollars to construct a new Community Center up to 16,000 sq. ft. at Mackle Park?

A "yes" vote will authorize City Council to proceed with the project.

A "no" vote will maintain the existing 6,500 sq. ft. building.

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**A NEW MACKLE PARK  
COMMUNITY CENTER FOR  
MARCO ISLAND?**



**On August 26, 2014, Marco Island voters will decide whether to support the construction of a new community center at Mackle Park.  
How will you vote!**

## WHY A NEW BUILDING?

- \* 85% resident use
- \* Quality of Life
- \* Mackle Park ranked #2 Marco attraction by TripAdvisor



## QUALITY OF LIFE

- \* "Quality of Life" is vital to the community for families, full-time/seasonal residents
- \* Over 86 programs with 15,000 participants
- \* Over 50% adult usage
- \* Best (cost effective) deal in town
- \* New building would double square footage resulting in adding 40+ new programs



## PRESENT CENTER STATUS

- \* Built in 1986 by Collier County for 8,000 full-time residents
- \* Presently 16,000 full-time residents, 40,000 seasonal residents
- \* Only one 3,000 sq. ft. community room for programs
- \* Turned away 12,000 participants due to lack of program space
- \* Multiple programs difficult to coexist
- \* Twenty-eight year old building is not energy efficient
- \* Approximately \$500,000 to repair current building. Need to maintain existing building
- \* Needs exceed capacity



## TIME IS RIGHT

- \* Right size and right price, doubles building size
- \* Increase in full-time residents and high school students on the island adding increased pressure on facilities and schedules
- \* Proposed construction is staged so that the center is never closed
- \* Cost and interest rates are low. Funding to be determined



## 2014 REFERENDUM

- \* Make your opinion known, by casting your ballot on August 26, 2014.

**It's your City , it's your vote!**

### **New Community Center**

