

# Public Services



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## **Domestic Animal Services** **Director Margo Castorena**

The Domestic Animal Services' shelter, built on donated property, provides a modern facility for thousands of homeless animals. Annually, staff handles about 15,000 calls, finds homes for more than 2,400 animals, processes approximately 8,500 animals and maintains the pet-licensing program and investigates incidents of cruelty and deals with stray animals, including dogs, cats, horses, cows, pigs, and exotic animals. DAS staff enforces the Animal Control Ordinance.

## **Health Department – Director Dr. Joan Colfer, M.D., M.P.H.**

The Health Department, an extension of the Florida Department of Health, strives to promote and protect the good health of all in Collier County. The department accomplishes this mission by assessing health care needs and working with the community to develop sufficient health services to address identified gaps and providing safety net services when access otherwise would not be available. Daily activities include: monitoring and controlling communicable diseases; monitoring environmental health and disaster preparedness.

## **Housing & Human Services** **Director Marcy Krumbine**

The Housing & Human Services Department includes health care assistance, self-sufficiency issues and housing. The successful Retired Senior and Volunteer Program services 100 plus non-profit agencies. Programs include prescription, medical and rental assistance as well assistance for frail seniors to remain safely at home. Affordable housing initiatives include public private partnerships, down payment assistance, rehabilitation and home ownership programs.

## **Library – Director Marilyn Matthes**

Nine locations throughout the county provide library services to residents and visitors. Each year more than 2.5 million items are circulated, approximately 25,000 new library cardholders register and 2,600 special programs are hosted. The system ranks in the top five percent statewide.

## **Museum – Director Ron Jamro**

Each year, the museum welcomes over 61,000 visitors to its four locations in Naples, Everglades City and Immokalee. Traveling and seasonal exhibits, school programs, tours, lectures and family festivals provide a valuable cultural resource to the community for continuing education, personal growth and enjoy-

## **Parks and Recreation**

### **Director Barry Williams**

County parks host millions of visitors each year. Responsible for the management of more than 50 park sites and thousands of acres of land, the department manages recreational facilities, neighborhood and community parks, as well as regional parks with public beaches and boat launch areas. The department also hosts numerous after school activities including a summer food program that serves breakfast and lunches to youths, summer camp, Special Needs Camp, and Park Ranger Camp programs.

## **University Extension**

### **Director Robert Halman**

The department works closely with the University of Florida to provide a wide variety of educational programs to Collier County residents, as well as to provide access to the latest research and technology on thousands of topics. The department shares its knowledge and expertise with small business owners, farmers, builders, homeowners, parents, children and the general public. Services include workshops, seminars, demonstrations and a master gardener plant clinic.

## **Veteran Services – Director Peter Kraley**

The role of this department is to assist all former, and present members of the United States military and their family members in securing federal, state and local entitlements. Additionally, volunteer transportation drivers transport nearly 700 veterans each year to and from medical appointments in both Fort Myers and in St. Petersburg. Services are provided to approximately 2,000 veterans and their family members yearly.

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