

**1. Requested Motion:** Approve MRTF recommendation to award the 2011 Mayor John Mulholland Stewardship Award to Carleton Ryffel and the Estero Island Historical Society. **Meeting Date:** February 21, 2012

**Why the action is necessary:** To award the 2011 Mayor John Mulholland Stewardship Award

**What the action accomplishes:** Recognizes Carleton Ryffel and the Estero Island Historical Society and Nature Center for their environmental stewardship on Fort Myers Beach

**2. Agenda:**

Consent  
 Administrative

**3. Requirement/Purpose:**

Resolution  
 Ordinance  
 Other

**4. Submitter of Information:**

Council  
 Town Staff  
 Town Attorney

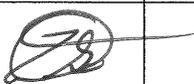
**5. Background:** The Mayor John Mulholland Stewardship Award is given annually to individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations nominated by citizen input and chosen by the MRTF committee and Town Council to honor the voluntary participation in awareness, education and preservation of our community's natural resources. The award is named in honor of former Mayor John Mulholland, who is credited with the formation of the town's Marine Resources Task Force.

Based upon applications received, MRTF voted to recommend that Town Council award the Estero Island Historical Society and Nature Center the 2011 Non-Profit/Organization Mulholland Award and the 2011 Individual Mulholland Award to Carleton Ryffel.

**6. Alternative Action:** Not accept MRTF's recommendation

**7. Management Recommendations:** Approve the awards as recommended

**8. Recommended Approval:**

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Finance Director	Public Works Director	Community Development Director	Parks & Recreation Director	Town Clerk
						

**9. Council Action:**

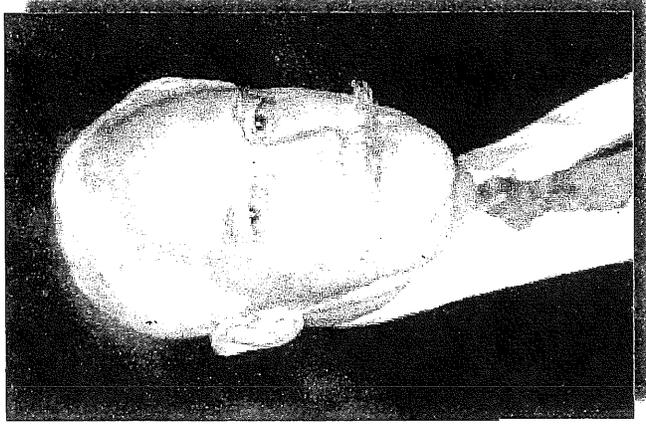
Approved     Denied     Deferred     Other

Describe the project or contribution, including benefits to the environment, local community, economy, and education. Add attachments if necessary.

At the September 13, 2011  
Local Planning Agency Meeting  
the LPA voted to nominate  
Carleton Ryffel for the  
Mullholland Stewardship  
Award in recognition of  
Carleton's significant  
contributions to environmental  
stewardship as a member  
of the LPA

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Mayor John Mullholland Stewardship Award



Mail or drop off your application at:

Town Hall, 2523 Estero Blvd.,  
Fort Myers Beach FL 33931 or

Fax to (239)765-0909.

Download an application from the Town's website,

[www.FortMyersBeachFL.GOV](http://www.FortMyersBeachFL.GOV)

For further information call Town Hall @ 765-0202 Ext. 136

Marine Resources Task Force  
Town of Fort Myers Beach

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**TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH**

**Mayor John Mullholland  
Stewardship Award Nomination**

**Application Deadline:**  
Friday, December 9, 2011

Stewardship is the voluntary conservation of natural habitat and wildlife by concerned citizens.

The Marine Resources Task Force, an advisory board to the Fort Myers Beach Town Council regarding awareness, education and preservation of the community's natural resources, is pleased to announce its annual request for nominations for the

**Mayor John Mullholland  
Stewardship Award**

Practicing good natural resources stewardship means:

- Using your property carefully
- Reporting hazards or violations
- Recognizing your relationship and responsibilities to protecting natural resources

Do you know of any individual, business or organization which promotes awareness, education and preservation of our community's natural resources? Then please fill out this nomination form to acknowledge those individuals who continue to make a difference.

**Award Categories are:**

Individual

Business

Non Profit/Organization

**My Nomination is:**

ESTERO ISLAND HISTORIC SOCIETY AND NATURE CENTER

Name

141 BAY ROAD (ENTRANCE TO THE PARKWAY)

Street Address

FORT MYERS BEACH FL - (MAILING ADDRESS -  
P.O. BOX 2815  
F.M.B. 33932

City State Zip

403-0435 WED/SAT

Daytime Phone

Russ CARTER PRESIDENT: H-765-0295  
C-233-3571

Evening Phone

Email address

*Please fill out the additional information on the next page.*

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Gentlemen: We, as The Estero Island Historic Society are a Non-profit organization with a membership of 150+ and are Volunteers who support the Natural Resources of this Island, including the Charlotte Harbor Estuary. Many do not know we are also the Nature Center, and labored diligently for a long time to locate in our setting at the Matanzas Pass Preserve, with a concern since 1991 for the native habitat we saw rapidly declining, within this fragile environment. We share a deep concern for our Uplands, clear gulf waters, shorelines, estuaries, marshes and mud-flats which are essential to all. Stewardship is a vital and big part of the History of Estero Island.

Our presence to all, for this AWARENESS, is evident at The Cottage Museum when visitors are greeted by knowledgeable, well trained volunteers with a badge stating, "Preserving Our Heritage". We not only tell the history of Fort Myers Beach, but state inside the entrance wall: "Preserve It ~ Protect It" ~ "Nature and This Fragile Environment", with 4 distinct panels : (1) Shells & Shorelines (2) Fish & Mammals (3) Birds & Butterflies (4) Wildlife & Habitat. These, and connected topics are also presented through Guest Speakers at our general meetings, Narrated Trolley and Boat Tours, Year Round FGCU Colloquium Classes, Presentations to Organizations, Businesses, and the Annual Library Talks to Visitors of the island.

EDUCATION toward Conservation and Preservation of Natural Resources is what we do, With Wildlife and Habitat concerns for Mangroves, Seagrasses, The Aquatic Preserve, and Conservation 20/20. Each are presented visually during the Boat Tours with the observation of rookeries, dolphins, perhaps manatees, and always sighting birds in flight or feeding on flats. Our Sustainability Classes are conducted weekly, year round at The Cottage, noting First -Hand, life lessons and experiences during the early history, and Stewardship of island living necessary today. Next FGCU Professors walk hundreds of students through the preserve as we continue to present Educational Programs with Beach Elementary School Children, Clubs, and Organizations. We are Open Free to the Public Year Round.

Our Natural Setting with Native Plants and Trees is part of the experience and setting for the AWARENESS of our Island's NATURAL RESOURCES. Our knowledge is the teaching tool, as we continue to pass on and EDUCATE, then encourage good STEWARDSHIP in preserving and protecting these treasured resources. Our DVD's, Videos and Reference Books are available in our adjoining Annex Library. Stop By, You'll be Welcomed! Join Us, VOLUNTEERS are invaluable!