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Wondering if your teenage son is stockpiling speeding tickets? Want to know if that contractor you're considering for your kitchen renovation has been sued?

Or do you suspect that your daughter's boyfriend has a history of domestic violence or other crimes?

Collier County Clerk Dwight Brock has just made it easier for you to investigate by asking his director of information technology, Marc Tougas, and Bob St. Cyr, director of community relations, to update his Web site, [www.CollierClerk.com](http://www.CollierClerk.com).

The initial update occurred in late August, but part of the

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courts function is now user-friendly and is easily accessible from the Internet. Traffic and criminal charges aren't yet available in the user-friendly form, but still can be easily searched.

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For a quick how-to on what's available, just click on Brock's photo.

St. Cyr said he and other em-

ployees researched other sites to consider updates.

"I went out and looked at every single clerk site and I picked out the features I really liked," St. Cyr said.

He also asked the public what was needed. They asked for something more interactive and quicker.

"People had to go into each office for a form," St. Cyr said. "Now there's a quick link for forms."

Tougas walked around the sixth floor earlier this week, checking the two public access

computers after having surveillance cameras installed. The computers are available for citizens to search records, but were being damaged and one computer was out of service until recently. Tougas said cameras will monitor any vandalism in an attempt to avert it.

Small signs above warn that users are being watched.

A recent interview with Brock by Jeff Lytle of the Naples Daily News also is available for viewing on the site, as well as information on Brock's legal battles with county commissioners.

But much of the Web site is devoted to providing the public with information on how to file documents, pay fines, whom to call, and other necessary information.

Too lazy to walk to the courthouse to pay a traffic fine? Just click on the "pay traffic tickets" link. Interested in getting a marriage license? Click the "marriage license" link.

How about coming up with a legitimate excuse for getting out of jury duty? If you're 70 years old, or are caring full time for someone elderly, or you're pregnant, those are a few of the statutory exemptions listed under the "jury duty" link.

Interested in purchasing homes facing foreclosure that may be sold at auctions that are

held nearly daily at the courthouse? They're also listed on the Web site.

At [www.collierclerk.com](http://www.collierclerk.com), citizens also can search the entire Web site; sign up for or download the clerk's quarterly e-newsletter; access forms, fees and contact information; read notices about important announcements; Google maps to find officers and directions; use interactive forms; and e-mail questions.

If anyone has questions, an employee from each department will monitor e-mail so citizens can get a quick response. But phone numbers also are listed for each department. St. Cyr said citizens liked the earlier updates and the site is still undergoing changes.