



**Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association**  
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The Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association held its Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 11. President David Haynes listed accomplishments of the past year, including:

- The International Coastal Cleanup - September 2014. 13 islanders came out to help collect and transport items to a dumpster at Eldred's Marina. Items removed from the island included a toilet, chest freezer, lawn mower, gas grills, TVs, water pumps, water tanks, golf cart parts, paint cans mirrors, beach chairs, cans, bottles, plastics, etc. Thanks to Eldred's Marina for allowing the dumpster on their property for this effort.
- The 6th Annual LGPOA Fishing Tournament was held on Labor Day weekend. 73 anglers, 36 kids and 24 boats participated in the tournament and over 200 people attended the awards presentation and island cookout.
- The Coconut Telegraph kept islanders informed on critical issues.
- The LGPOA negotiated, lobbied and saw the successful passage of the LGI Dock Bill. LGPOA also sent a postcard to all property owners about the LGI Dock Bill, informing them about its requirements.
- LGPOA has assisted dock owners in obtaining required submerged land leases from the State.
- The LGPOA continues to offer up to a \$1000 reward for information leading to a conviction for theft or vandalism on the island.

The group thanked David Haynes, who has decided not to run for re-election after 9 years on the Board, in order to devote more time to his family and his business. He represented District 3.

Below is a note from David:

"I appreciate having had the opportunity to serve the island for most of the last decade on the POA Board. There have been quite a few issues we have had to tackle and find workable solutions for. The POA has tried to act in the best interest of the island and keep our members informed about issues that affect our island way of life. Our membership has grown from about 180 to over 300 today. I wish the very best for the POA and hope that it will continue to grow and serve the island as it has over the last few years."

Seats on the LGPOA Board of Directors that were up for election in 2015 were Districts 1, 3, 5, and 7. Andy Hagelin agreed to replace Phyllis NeSmith in District 1. No one has yet volunteered to serve from District 3. The Directors from Districts 5 (Cone Darnell) and 7 (Paul Holmes) agreed to remain on the Board.

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At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board elected its new officers. The new Board of Directors and its officers are:

Cone Darnell, President, representing District 5, [ccdarnell128@gmail.com](mailto:ccdarnell128@gmail.com)

Richard Leydon, Vice President, representing District 4, [richardleydonjr@gmail.com](mailto:richardleydonjr@gmail.com)

Anita Burger, Secretary, representing District 6, [bfaburger@gmail.com](mailto:bfaburger@gmail.com)

Paul Holmes, Treasurer, representing District 7, [pbholmes0@gmail.com](mailto:pbholmes0@gmail.com)

Walter Woolf, Director, representing District 2, [ffstampa@aol.com](mailto:ffstampa@aol.com)

Tom McCoy, Director, representing District 8, [thomas.mccoy@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:thomas.mccoy@vanderbilt.edu)

Andy Hagelin, Director, representing District 1, [Andrew.hagelin@gmail.com](mailto:Andrew.hagelin@gmail.com)

District 3 remains vacant. It includes the following addresses: 8594-8888, including 8546, 8554, 8558, 8562, 8566, 8574, 8582, 8590, and excluding 8802-8818 (even numbers). If you live in this District and are willing to serve on LGPOA's Board of Directors, please contact Cone Darnell at: [ccdarnell128@gmail.com](mailto:ccdarnell128@gmail.com).

LGIFR Board Chair Judy McCoy gave a brief presentation about the assessment increase the Board is requesting and Rhonda Olson gave a short presentation representing those opposed to the increase. Ballots asking property owners to vote in favor or against this increase were mailed on April 16. For information about the Board's request and the balloting procedures, see LGIFR's website: [www.lgifr.com](http://www.lgifr.com).

Environmental Chair Linda Soderquist reported that Turtle Nesting Season has begun. The first nests has been found and marked. Nesting season continues until October 31st. Volunteers are needed to walk part of the beach each morning to identify turtle crawls and nests. No experience necessary, Linda will train you. Any time you can give will be appreciated. Contact Linda at 270-7994 if you are willing to help. Please remember to remove your beach furniture each evening so that nesting turtles or hatchlings will not become entangled or disoriented. Endangered shorebirds are also nesting on LGI from March until August. Unleashed dogs present a threat to these rare birds and the survival of their eggs.

The group discussed what some have called "sign pollution" on the island. It is recommended that people post only on the bulletin boards at the north and south ends of the island. The Board previously approved funds to construct a bulletin board somewhere mid-island, and will request permission from LGIFR to erect it on the fire department's lot, which is located just north of the Hideaway Condominiums. It was also recommended that those who post notices remove them after the event is over.

The POA is looking for someone (or someones) to coordinate the 7th Annual Labor Day Weekend Fishing Tournament this year. This event has become an island tradition of fishing, good food, good neighbors, and fellowship. The Tournament is almost turn-key at this point and just needs someone to head it up. If you are willing to head up this event, please contact David Haynes, who will explain what is involved and help you get started. His email is [david@tarponrealty.com](mailto:david@tarponrealty.com).

Membership: Mary Lou Davidson has agreed to replace Judy McCoy as membership chair for LGPOA. Annual membership letters and applications will soon be mailed to all property owners.

This edition of the Coconut Telegraph is the last written by Judy McCoy. She has edited the Telegraph for the last 9 years. A volunteer is needed to replace Judy. Please contact Cone Darnell at [ccDarnell128@gmail.com](mailto:ccDarnell128@gmail.com) if you are willing to become the Telegraph's new editor.

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