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LGPOA Meeting

The next LGPOA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 24th at 1 pm. After you're done at the Kids Marine and Fishing Clinic you can stop in for island updates. If you're thinking of helping out the island by volunteering, a few people are needed to make the load lighter for everyone. New district representatives will be welcomed. Please be sure to attend. We will meet in the Placida Condos meeting room by the pool and look forward to seeing you there!

****Captains for Clean Water Event**

From Islander, Midge O'Hara:

Join locals on January 6th, 2019 for heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, silent auction, and live music at The Gasparilla Inn Beach Club. 100% of proceeds will go to Captains For Clean Water. Tickets are \$125.00.

Gulf Coast International Properties & Gasparilla Vacations are partnering with Captains For Clean Water, a grassroots 501(c)3

nonprofit organization that advocates for the elimination of harmful, large-scale Lake Okeechobee discharges into the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River Estuaries by restoring the natural flow of Lake Okeechobee water south into the Everglades and Florida Bay. Restoring the natural southern flow of Lake Okeechobee water is essential to the survival of our estuaries, the health of the Everglades, and the long-term viability of South Florida's largest drinking water source, the Biscayne Aquifer.

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

****Little Gasparilla Water Utility experiences billing issues**

From President, Richard Leydon:

Little Gasparilla Water Utilities installed new meters this summer. Several islanders have reported discrepancies.

To contact or get more information visit the LGWU website: [LGWU](#).

****Island Wide Garage Sale - mark your calendars.**

The Island Wide Garage Sale will be held November 23rd (the Friday after Thanksgiving) from 9am to 1pm.

Last year's event was so much fun. The people selling sold treasures to those of us traveling the island to see what was for sale.

Anyone can have a sale, just email us your house number and any items you'd like listed or featured. (Submit by November 15th please.) You can recycle your unwanted items to someone that can use them and make some money for yourself at the same time! It's easier than hauling the items off the island, right? We will put a sign on the main sand path advertising your house number to make it easy to find.

Anyone can go to the sales as well! We will email the list of garage sales and items to POA members the week before. They will also be posted on the island bulletin boards for everyone to see.

Please contact us with information regarding your sale and any questions at twrhonda@gmail.com.

****Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic Thanksgiving Weekend**

The Kids' Marine and Fishing Clinic has been postponed to November 24th from 10 am until noon.

Participants that sign up in advance will receive a fishing pole and a tackle box provided by Fish Florida.

- Who? Kids of all ages are invited.
- When? 10 am - noon, to save your spot call [941-999-7788](tel:941-999-7788).
- Where? Sign in is south and east of Hideaway Condo Building "A"
- Why? Learn about knot tying, casting, fish species and the importance of environmental stewardship as it relates to fish, turtles, manatees and all sea life. We will collect and observe critters from in the sea grass and have tons of FUN!

If you'd like to come and help you are more than welcome! Please contact Rhonda Olson directly at the number above or visit the volunteer portion of the website at www.lgpoa.org and your information will be forwarded to her.

A big thank you to Hideaway Bay for allowing the event to take place on their grounds. Please meet at the gazebo by the pool and building "A" at 10am.

Water shoes are a must. Bug spray is a great idea. The event will happen rain or shine.

****Call for Volunteers! Board, Membership and Website**

The LGPOA is looking for a volunteer to assume the role of **Membership Chair**.

Requirements:

- Laptop or Desktop Computer
- Internet Service
- Available 2 hours per week beginning March 1 and ending April 30
- Available 1 hour each month for the balance of membership cycle
- Comfortable with light data entry into simple Google Mail list/MailChimp

To offer your support, please contact Rhonda Olson at twrhonda@gmail.com.

The LGPOA is looking for a volunteer **Web Master**.

Requirements:

- Laptop or Desktop Computer
- Internet Service
- Available 2 hours per month to make updates, manage host service payments, organize and upload media
- Comfortable with light data entry into WordPress

To offer your support, please contact Rhonda Olson at twrhonda@gmail.com.

****Environmental Update**

Turtles, Birds and Island Wildlife

Rhonda Olson