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Important information in this issue you won't want to miss...

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International Coastal Cleanup – September, 8th - 15th 2018

Who do we thank for the International Coastal Cleanup efforts? Keep Charlotte County Beautiful, Eldred's Marina and LGI Carts.

Unfortunately there weren't many people on the island to help this year. A big thank you to those who took the time to help preserve our island beauty.

****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. Those having sales sold treasures to those of us traveling the island.

Anyone can have a sale, just email us your house number and any items you'd like listed or featured. (Submit by Thursday, 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

then 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 Saturday, 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 environment 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**

LGPOA Board Vacancy:

If you are a homeowner on LGI and would like to fulfill a vacancy on the Board of Directors, we welcome your e-mail containing a brief statement introducing yourself and why you would like to serve.

District 5 includes the home addresses of 9140-9394. However, there is potential to serve "at large" should no one from this district volunteer to serve. Please submit to LGPOA Secretary Terrie Weibley, tweibley1@gmail.com.

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 Membership Chair, Mary Lou Davidson at maryloudavidson@yahoo.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 Membership Chair, Mary Lou Davidson at maryloudavidson@yahoo.com.

****Environmental Update**

Turtles, Birds and Island Wildlife

From Florida Wildlife Commission Permit holders for LGI, Laura, Lena and Ava Dallas:

Turtle hatchling season continues. We still have a few nests and we're waiting...hopefully they will all continue to hatch.

Bird nesting season on the southern end has drawn to a close and all nesting stakes, signs and ropes have been removed. It was a great summer for the birds. Many new nests, chicks and new nesting species to LGI were documented.

Sadly our adult dead turtle count continues with three in the past week. Kemps and Green turtles were documented and buried.

Thanks for all everyone has done to preserve nests, remove trash, educate visitors, keep lights off, and keeping vehicles off the beach. Sea turtle nesting season runs through the end of October.

****Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue (LGIFR) Update** (The LGPOA is not affiliated with the LGIFR, we just want to keep you up to date on all island activities.)

From LGIFR Fire Chief, Bill Underhill:

After the power line fire recently, please remember to stay far away from downed power lines. Due to the amount of moisture on the island the electricity can travel a great distance. With a device used by all power providers (FPL, DUKE, PIKE, etc.) and electrical contractors, LGIFR was able to detect electrical charges from a distance of 100 feet from the downed power line due the moisture. Safety of our residents and visitors will always be our primary concern.

We would also like to remind everyone to stay out of the water! At this time the "red tide" levels vary, however, the bacteria levels in the water are still higher than normal (above a safe level). Several people have been in the water and the last thing anyone wants is an infection.

We have an outside power company replacing poles on the island. They are doing all they can to avoid power disruptions while they do their task. Be patient with them as they sometimes have to block roads for a period of time. Allow them a little extra space and courtesy to do what they have to do.

As always if anyone has any questions or concerns feel free to call 941-270-7607.

The next fireboard meeting will be November 3, 2018 at 3:30pm at the firehouse.

Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association Board and Committee names and emails can be found on the LGPOA website at www.lgpoa.org. If you are in District 5 (houses numbered 9140 – 9394), please contact Rhonda Olson at the email below.

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Please feel free to email me at twrhonda@gmail.com with any information you'd like circulated in next month's Coconut Telegraph by the 25th of each month. The content is reviewed by board members for approval.

Rhonda Olson