

# September 2018, Coconut Telegraph

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

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**\*\*Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic - Postponed to Thanksgiving**

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**\*\*Call for Volunteers**

**\*\*Environmental Update - Information on red tide & island wildlife**

**International Coastal Cleanup – September, 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> 2018**

It's that time of the year again. Islanders can come, help collect and transport items to a dumpster at Eldred's Marina.

We are looking for volunteers to remove garbage from our mangroves, the inner-island and also from the beach from 9am until noon. If you want to work with others, meet at the golf cart shop at 9, otherwise there will be volunteers at the dumpsters to help you unload.

You can drop any full bags from 9-noon at the golf cart shop starting on the 8th (excluding Monday). Deric will have the forms needed and bags for you to use as well.

Larger garbage will be accepted at Eldred's Marina on the 15th. (**No appliances or TVs**). Volunteers will receive a T-shirt, as long as you sign up in advance! If you can participate, please visit the volunteer section at [www.lgpoa.org](http://www.lgpoa.org) . Be sure to leave your name, email, dates you plan to help, and don't forget shirt sizes for you and your helpers! Any questions, please call [941-999-7788](tel:941-999-7788).

## **\*\*Wondering where to dispose your household garbage?**

Electronic waste consists of TV's, computer monitors, desktop/laptop computers, keyboards, microwave ovens, printers, radios, telephones and video/stereo equipment. The transfer location and address is: 5225 Redwood Road, Placida. Here is a link to their details and hours of operation: [E-waste](#).

Appliances, yard waste and household items can be taken to Charlotte County West Mini Transfer Station located at 7070 Environmental Way near Home Depot.

Be prepared to provide the attendant with proof of your island property address when using both locations.

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

The Island Wide Garage Sale will be held November 23<sup>rd</sup> (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 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com).

### **\*\*Kids Fishing and Marine Clinic postponed**

The Kids' Marine and Fishing Clinic has been postponed to November 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:maryloudavidson@yahoo.com).

## **\*\*Environmental Update**

### **Red Tide and Clams**

From Environmental Chair, Linda Soderquist:

Little Gasparilla resident Barry Hurt, who is a part of the SWFL Shellfish Association, was on WINK TV speaking about local clam farmers' ABC Plan and the possibility that the plan could mitigate the length and intensity of red tide blooms. Here's the link to the TV spot.

<http://www.winknews.com/2018/08/28/new-project-could-help-restore-swfl-clam-farms-amid-water-crisis/>

For more details on this plan and clam farming, please visit the website: <https://clamrestoration.com/>. The information about water filtration, nutrient transfer, nitrogen removal, turbidity reduction, bottom stabilization, and carbon and phosphorus storage are all interesting as we try to learn more to find answers in overcoming this persistent and severe red tide.

### **Turtles, Birds and Island Wildlife**

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

There are no new dead, sea turtles to report in the last week. There was one adult dead dolphin, picked up by FWC for necropsy. Turtles nests are hatching and we are removing the screens and stakes as they hatch.

Bird fencing on the south end should be removed by September as we see nests diminishing.

Unfortunately crabs, juvenile flounder and sand dollars continue to wash ashore.

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Little Gasparilla Property Owners Association Board and Committee names and emails can be found on the LGPOA website at [www.lgpoa.org](http://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](mailto:twrhonda@gmail.com) with any information you'd like circulated in next month's Coconut Telegraph by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. The content is reviewed by board members for approval.

Rhonda Olson